



Climate & Air Quality Committee

Item #09-08-5
Information

July 29, 2009

Status of Proposition 84 Funds for Blueprint Planning

Issue: Availability of Proposition 84 planning funds.

Recommendation: None. This item is for information only.

Discussion: Proposition 84, passed by voters in 2006, includes \$90 million in funds to support regional and local governments' efforts to implement regional planning concepts. SB 732, passed and signed last year, puts the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) in charge of these funds. The budget that passed last week includes \$12 million of these funds, to be committed by the SGC no later than October 1st of this year. While the budget language (attached) is in some respects not very precise, it is our understanding that the intent is that \$10 million of these funds be spent on the 18 regional planning agencies affected by SB 375 to upgrade data and models to assist with implementation of that law. We expect some of these funds to come directly to, or at least directly benefit, SACOG.

We are appreciative of the efforts of the sponsors and author of SB 375, California League of Conservation Voters, Natural Resources Defense Council and Senator Steinberg, for leading the effort to get these funds committed early so that the regions can use them in a timely manner to assist with SB 375 implementation. The funds are from the Proposition 84 bonds and do not affect the General Fund.

Approved by:

Mike McKeever
Executive Director

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July 23, 2009

1 sources Defense Council v. Rodgers (2005) 381
 2 F.Supp.2d 1212.
 3 3. *Of the funds appropriated in this item, \$800,000 shall*
 4 *be for the City of Calexico for environmental review,*
 5 *engineering design, and associated planning necessary*
 6 *to develop a river parkway plan and river improvement*
 7 *project for the New River. These funds are hereby*
 8 *appropriated in order to secure and serve as matching*
 9 *funds for the \$4,000,000 appropriation from the 2005*
 10 *Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation*
 11 *Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (P.L. 109-59) to the*
 12 *City of Calexico for the development of bicycle paths*
 13 *and public park space adjacent to the New River.*

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 15 *SEC. 45. Item 0540-101-6051 of Section 2.00 of the Budget*
 16 *Act of 2009 is amended to read:*

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 18 0540-101-6051—For local assistance, Secretary of the Re-
 19 sources Agency, payable from the Safe Drinking Water,
 20 Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and
 21 Coastal Protection Fund of 2006..... ~~28,365,000~~
 22 *40,365,000*

- 23 Provisions:
 24 1. The funds appropriated in this item for purposes of
 25 subdivision (d) of Section 75050 of the Public Re-
 26 sources Code shall be available for encumbrance until
 27 June 30, 2012, for purposes of support, local assis-
 28 tance, or capital outlay.
 29 1.5. *Notwithstanding any provision of law, of the funds*
 30 *appropriated in this item for purposes of subdivision*
 31 *(c) of Section 75065 of the Public Resources Code,*
 32 *\$12,000,000 shall be available for planning grants*
 33 *and incentives, including revolving loan programs*
 34 *and other methods for data gathering and model de-*
 35 *velopment necessary to comply with SB 375, and shall*
 36 *be available for the purposes of support or local assis-*
 37 *tance. It is the intent of the Legislature to have these*
 38 *funds committed by October 1, 2009.*
 39 2. The funds received by other state agencies from this
 40 item in accordance with subdivision (d) of Section