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ITEM: 17c. 2024 Projects Bill - Miscellaneous
(1) Water Plan Implementation Cash Fund - Appropriation

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends the Board support an appropriation of \$23.3 million from the Water Plan Implementation Cash Fund to support the Water Plan Grant Program in the 2024 Projects Bill.

Introduction/Discussion

The Water Plan Grant Program is available to promote progress on the critical actions identified in the Water Plan and its measurable objectives. The grant program supports projects, programs and activities that have the best opportunity to make progress on the Water Plan's objectives and that are in alignment with the program guidelines. Funding categories include: Agricultural Projects, Conservation & Land Use Planning, Engagement & Innovation, Water Storage & Supply, Water Sharing Agreements, and Watershed Health & Recreation Projects.

In September 2023, the Department of Revenue transferred \$23.8 million to the Water Plan Implementation Cash Fund from sports betting revenue collected in FY 2022-23. A portion of the revenue will be used for Water Plan Grant Program administration. Staff is recommending appropriation of \$23.3 million from the FY 2022-23 revenue for Water Plan Grants in FY 2024-25.

