



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: August 13, 2013

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Water Resources Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Clean Beaches Grant Initiative Application

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt, by reading of title only, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Rescinding Resolution No. 13-033, Authorizing and Designating the Public Works Director to Enter Into and Execute an Agreement With the State of California, Including Any Amendments Thereto, and Confirming the City's Intent to Fund the Operation and Maintenance Costs of the Wastewater Main Rehabilitation Project For a Minimum of Twenty Years.

DISCUSSION:

The Clean Beaches Initiative Grant Program was initiated by the State Water Resources Control Board to provide funding for projects that promote water quality and environmental protection of coastal waters, estuaries, bays, and near-shore waters. In particular, 38 California beaches have been identified as priority beaches for grant projects, including East Beach at Mission Creek, Leadbetter Beach, and Arroyo Burro Beach.

On May 15, 2013, Council adopted Resolution No. 13-033 authorizing the Public Works Director to submit a grant application to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), and to execute, in the name of the City of Santa Barbara, all necessary applications, contracts, payment requests, agreements and amendments thereto for purposes of securing grant funds, and to implement and carry out the project identified in the grant application.

The Public Works Director thereafter submitted a grant application for the City's Wastewater Main Rehabilitation Project (Project) in the Laguna Watershed, which is an ongoing project that consists of rehabilitating wastewater pipeline to prevent possible pipe leakage from collection system pipes, which could filter through soils and enter storm drain pipes. Sewer pipes that cross directly above a storm drain pipe or are within

five meters and above a storm drain pipe are designated for rehabilitation or repair. Cured-in-place resin or plastic liner will be used to line the pipes.

If awarded, the grant will offset 25% of the costs for project work that is currently in design. The City is required to provide a 75% funding match consisting of capital costs for design and construction. Adequate funding is available in the Wastewater Fund.

The City's application has received preliminary approval, but minor changes to the application, including submittal of the replacement resolution proposed for adoption today, are needed to proceed with the grant process.

The resolution to be submitted may not limit the amount of grant funding requested and must provide City authorization to fund operation and maintenance (O&M) costs of the project for a minimum of 20 years after completion of the project. The previous resolution limited the grant award to \$675,000 and did not include a provision regarding funding for O&M costs. Therefore, it is recommended that Resolution 13-033 be rescinded and a revised resolution be adopted in accordance with the grant application requirements.

The City's National Pollutant Discharge Permit (NPDES) requires the City to provide adequate funding to operate and maintain the wastewater collection system. Municipal Code Chapter 14.33 establishes a Wastewater Fund to pay for operation and maintenance of the wastewater system. Operation and maintenance costs for the Wastewater Main Rehabilitation Project are currently funded by the Wastewater Fund. The Council has been supportive of approving rates to fund the City's wastewater system O&M costs, and it is anticipated that the City will continue to fund the operation and maintenance of its wastewater facilities for the next 20 years.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The Project will identify and rehabilitate wastewater pipes that have the potential to leak. Lining these pipes will proactively eliminate the opportunity for leakage that could reach storm drains and possibly Santa Barbara's beaches.

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