

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL



DATE: April 18, 2017

TITLE: County Service Area 152 (CSA 152) Budget and Proposed Assessment For Fiscal Year 2017-18

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RECOMMENDATION

1) Review the budget and assessment for County Service Area 152; and

2) Adopt a Resolution of the City Council making its findings and establishing the rates for County Service Area 152 to fund the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit.

DISCUSSION

County Service Area 152 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Stormwater Program, (CSA 152-NPDES), was formed and established in November 1991 by the County of Riverside. CSA 152 was necessary to fund requirements for public agencies to implement and comply with the National Clean Water Act permit. The City is a co-permittee with the County and other agencies. The permit provisions which expire on June 19, 2018 implement the following policies, programs and/or procedures:

- Storm drain construction, maintenance and inspection;
- Public Works and Planning staff time implementing new requirements for development projects;
- Construction and business inspections;
- Ordinance development and enforcement;
- Water quality sampling and monitoring programs
- Compliance plan development and implementation
- Street Sweeping

Exhibit 1 is a table of the annual costs to implement the NPDES policies, programs and/or procedures in the City. Staff anticipates that the annual NPDES total costs will likely increase somewhat as new construction is completed; however with an offset in increased collections as vacant land is occupied. We will be monitoring the effects throughout the year and will have a more accurate understanding as we proceed.

Current rates in CSA 152 are \$10.00 per Benefit Assessment Unit (BAU). The average residential parcel is assessed that amount. Non-residential is assessed on average \$11.79 per year. Commercial and industrial property is assessed on average \$83.03 per year. The City currently collects approximately \$132,000 resulting in a reserve of approximately \$1,500 which is a modest contingency for staff's estimates.

Exhibit 2 shows the assessment rates that other agencies have established. The maximum rate was established in CSA 152 at \$10.00 per BAU; therefore no balloting per Proposition 218 is required at the maximum rate. However any assessment being proposed that exceeds the pre-determined maximum rate would require a public hearing and balloting process. The County has established a deadline in April 2017 for transmittal of each agencies proposed Fiscal Year 2017-18 rate.

Staff is recommending that the City council adopt the Resolution (Exhibit 3) and direct the City Clerk to transmit a certified copy of the Resolution to the County.

FISCAL IMPACT

The \$10.00 rate will generate enough funds to implement the program requirements with an estimated modest amount of \$1,500 for contingencies.

EXHIBIT(S)

1. Annual Costs
2. Agency Rates
3. Resolution making findings and establishing CSA 152 rates for Fiscal Year 2017-18