

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL



DATE: March 3, 2020

TITLE: County Service Area 152 (CSA 152) Budget and Proposed Assessment For Fiscal Year 2020-19

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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 Coachella Valley agencies. The permit provisions 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 estimated 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 as new construction is completed and as new state regulations and requirements are approved. All increases in expenses that exceed the revenues received through CSA 152 will need to be covered by the General Fund or another funding source.

Current rates in CSA 152 are \$10.00 per Benefit Assessment Unit (BAU). The average residential parcel is assessed that amount. Non-residential assessed uses average \$11.79 per year. Commercial and industrial property assessed uses average \$83.03 per year. The City currently collects approximately \$134,000 resulting in a reserve of approximately \$0 (zero) dollars.

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.

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 an estimated \$134,000, which will cover expenses to implement the program requirements. All increases in expenses that exceed the revenues received through CSA 152 will need to be covered by the General Fund or another funding source.

EXHIBIT(S)

- 1) Annual Costs
- 2) Agency Rates
- 3) Resolution making findings and establishing CSA 152 rates for Fiscal Year 2020-21.