

Agenda Report

March 21, 2022

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Public Works

SUBJECT: ENTER INTO A FUND TRANSFER AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT TO ACCEPT COMPETITIVE SAFE, CLEAN WATER FUNDS

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the proposed action is not a "project" as defined in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code Section 21065 and Section 15378(b)(4) and (5) of the State CEQA Guidelines and, as such, is not subject to environmental review; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute a fund transfer agreement with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to receive \$4,771,551 in Measure W – Safe, Clean, Water Program funds.

BACKGROUND:

The Safe, Clean Water Program was established to oversee the administration of the revenue from the passage of Measure W in 2018. Fifty percent of Safe, Clean Water Program revenues are used to fund storm water projects at the watershed level and forty percent are distributed directly to the municipalities. The remaining 10% is utilized by the County to cover the cost of administering the program.

The City was awarded \$4,771,551 million from the Safe, Clean Water Program for the *San Rafael Treatment Wetlands and Storm Water Capture Project (76291)*. This project includes construction of two wetland treatment basins and is a joint project between the cities of Pasadena and South Pasadena. The South Pasadena site is located just south of the San Pascual Avenue bridge over the Arroyo Seco and the Pasadena site is located at the confluence of San Rafael Creek and the Arroyo Seco at the City's southern border. Work for this project will include native plant restoration, dry and wet weather water quality improvements, storm water infiltration, and storm water re-use.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The project is consistent with the City Council's goal to maintain fiscal responsibility and stability and improve, maintain and enhance public facilities and infrastructure. It also supports the Public Facilities Element of the General Plan by maintaining public facilities to enhance the quality of life of the community.


ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

The action proposed herein is an authorization to accept funding and not the construction of a project. Accordingly, the authorization to apply for grants is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3). The appropriate level of CEQA analysis for the construction of the proposed project will be a part of the scope of work for the proposed project and determined at the appropriate time.

FISCAL IMPACT:

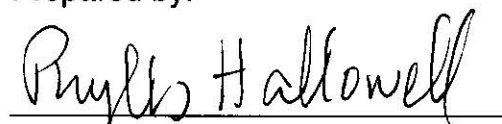
This action will allow staff to accept competitive Safe, Clean Water grant funding in the amount of \$4,771,551 million for the *San Rafael Treatment Wetlands and Storm Water Capture (76291)*. Upon approval of this agreement and funding from the County, staff will appropriate funding to this CIP project. No local match is required to receive this funding.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment A - Transfer Agreement between the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and City of Pasadena Agreement No. 2021RPULAR11 Safe, Clean Water Program – Regional Program