



STAFF REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

DATE: Regular Meeting of July 24, 2018

TO: Members of the City Council

SUBMITTED BY: Michael Roberts, Public Works Director/City Engineer

SUBJECT: Stormwater Program – Update on Landscaping Waste Blown Down Storm Drains

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive Report, Discuss, and Provide Direction, if any.

FISCAL IMPACT OF RECOMMENDATION:

There are no fiscal impacts associated with receiving this informational report.

DISCUSSION:

This agenda item is a status update on the direction Council provided to staff at their October 24, 2017 meeting regarding the prohibited practice of blowing landscaping waste down the City's storm drain system.

I am pleased to report the Public Works Department has just hired an engineering intern who is carrying out the direction provided to staff, including:

- Creating a bilingual informational flyer on the prohibition against blowing grass clippings, leaves, and branches down the storm drain.
- Reaching out to the East Bay Municipal Utility District to discuss including the flyer in their water bills to Hercules residents.
- Compiling a mailing list of landscaping companies working in the City of Hercules that will receive the flyer, and also to notify them of the requirement to obtain a business license. The flyer will also be sent to all Homeowners Associations in the City for them to provide to their landscapers and residents.
- The flyer, once completed, will be sent out on E-Notify, Facebook, Nextdoor, the City's website, and handed out to landscapers who are observed working in the community (which will also include the business license requirement).

Once these tasks have been completed over the next month, staff intends to begin formal enforcement through the Administrative Citation Program. The goal is to have the outreach completed before the fall foliage period starts. The nature of the code violation and negative impacts of blowing landscaping waste down the storm drain is discussed in detail in the October 24, 2017 Staff Report (attached).

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 – 10/24/17 Staff Report