



## **STAFF REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

**DATE:** Regular Meeting of April 9, 2019

**TO:** Members of the City Council

**SUBMITTED BY:** Mike Roberts, Public Works Director/City Engineer

**SUBJECT:** Adopt a resolution approving the annual parcel assessment adopted by the County Flood Control District for the Contra Costa Clean Water Program for FY 19-20

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Adopt a resolution approving the continuance of the parcel assessment rate of \$35.00 per Equivalent Runoff Unit (ERU) for FY 2019-2020 and requesting the Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District adopt this annual parcel assessment for drainage maintenance and the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program.

### **COMMISSION/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION AND RECOMMENDATION:**

There was no Commission or Subcommittee review on this item.

### **FISCAL IMPACT OF RECOMMENDATION:**

The parcel assessment rate of \$35.00 per Equivalent Runoff Unit (ERU) has been in effect in Hercules since the 1990s and for FY 2019-2020 will generate approximately \$329,000 in revenues for the Contra Costa Clean Water Program. Approximately \$80,000 is retained by the County Flood Control District and constitutes Hercules' pro rata (by population) contribution for the County to administer the regional program activities on behalf of the 20 member agencies. This cost is the same as last year and is projected to remain the same into the future. The remaining \$249,000 is returned to Hercules and is used for local clean water activities and partly covers the City's annual stormwater related expenses.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Contra Costa Clean Water Program was established in the early 1990s and provides stormwater permit coverage for the 20 member agencies under the NPDES Program administered by the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB). Regional activities performed by the Flood Control District include negotiating the permit with the RWQCB, providing training to member agencies, developing stormwater design standards, and coordinating the activities of the member

agencies. Hercules uses the local funding component for drainage maintenance activities within the City including street sweeping, catch basin cleaning, and creek cleaning. The funding also pays for staff time spent administering these programs.

The Clean Water Program is governed by a Management Committee, which consists of a representative from each of the 20 public agency members, so Hercules has direct representation. All revenue generated in the Hercules' Stormwater Utility Area (SUA) is required to be expended in that district except for the contribution to the regional program, which is very cost effective due to economies of scale. There are also nominal fees for the County Assessor to post the assessments on the tax roll and the Flood Control District to manage the SUA.

In order for the Flood Control District to adopt the assessments on behalf of the Clean Water Program, each municipality is required to submit a certified resolution approving the assessment rate for the coming fiscal year.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution
2. County Request for Assessment Resolution
3. Clean Water Program Funding Allocation by City

#### ***Financial Impact***

##### **Description:**

With the current number of parcels assessed for equivalent runoff units for FY 2017-2018, the Stormwater Program will generate approximately \$329,000 in revenues of which \$249,000 is programmed for local programs.

##### **Funding Source:**

Account Number:

##### **Budget Recap:**

Total Estimated cost:	\$	New Revenue:	\$
Amount Budgeted:	\$	Lost Revenue:	\$
New funding required:		New Personnel:	\$
Council Policy Change:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		