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Agenda Report

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TO: City Council

FROM: Drew Corbett, City Manager

PREPARED BY: Public Works

MEETING DATE: June 03, 2019

SUBJECT:

Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act - Letter of Interest

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution to authorize the Public Works Director to submit a Letter of Interest to the Environmental Protection Agency for the Clean Water Program Basin 2 and 3 Collection System Improvements Project and to dedicate revenues for obligation repayment in connection with a Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act loan.

BACKGROUND:

The US Environmental Protection Agency established the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) Program in 2017 as a means of providing low-interest loans for water and wastewater projects. On April 4, 2019, it released a Notice of Funding Availability for the 2019 calendar year. WIFIA is accepting Letters of Interest through July 5, 2019. Staff is planning to submit a Letter of Interest for the Basin 2 and 3 Collection System Improvements Project (Project), requesting 49% (the maximum allowed) to be funded by WIFIA.

The Project is necessary for the City of San Mateo to comply with the Regional Water Quality Control Board Cease and Desist Order. The Project cost is approximately \$160 million and includes construction packages for the new underground flow equalization system, upgrades to pump stations, and new/upgraded relief sewers, which improve capacity and flow management in the collection system. If the application is approved, the WIFIA loan is expected to be approximately \$78M.

BUDGET IMPACT:

If the loan is approved, the City of San Mateo may achieve considerable savings in interest payments.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

This project is not subject to CEQA, because it is an organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5).)

NOTICE PROVIDED

All meeting noticing requirements were met.

ATTACHMENTS

Att 1 - Proposed Resolution

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