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TO: Sustainability and Infrastructure Commission

FROM: Brad Underwood, Public Works Director

PREPARED BY: Public Works

MEETING DATE: July 10, 2019

SUBJECT:
Draft Green Infrastructure Plan Review and Approval

RECOMMENDATION:

Review Draft Green Infrastructure Plan, provide input for the final plan, and recommend that City Council adopt a resolution to approve the Final Green Infrastructure Plan.

BACKGROUND:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) issued the Municipal Regional Permit (MRP) to reduce pollution from storm water discharges into creeks and the San Francisco Bay. The MRP requires permittees to prepare Green Infrastructure Plans (GI Plans) and to submit the GI Plans to the Water Board with the City's Annual Report by September 31, 2019. The City Council approved the required GI Work Plan on June 5, 2017, which serves as the outline document for the final GI Plan. The Sustainability and Infrastructure Commission received an update and provided input and general support for the GI Plan during the June 12, 2019, Commission meeting.

The GI Plan outlines a more comprehensive process for the planning, design, construction, and maintenance of green infrastructure within the City of San Mateo. The GI Plan includes the following required elements:

- A defined prioritization process for identifying potential and planned green infrastructure projects,
- Prioritized potential and planned project lists and maps for 2020, 2030, and 2040,
- Targets for the amount of impervious surface to be retrofitted by 2020, 2030, and 2040 system for tracking and mapping completed projects,
- Guidelines for project design,
- Standard designs and specifications,
- Requirements for sizing green infrastructure projects,
- Integration with existing planning documents,
- Evaluation of funding options, and
- Staff coordination and public outreach and education.

Details regarding each of the above elements can be found in Attachment 1 of the City's GI Plan. The GI Plan encourages extensive integration of green infrastructure through (1) green streets, (2) on-site low-impact development that manages runoff at a parcel scale, and (3) regional projects that manage runoff at a watershed scale. The City will be leveraging new and redevelopment projects to require additional green infrastructure both onsite and offsite within the public right-of-way.

Several elements of the GI Plan were developed collaboratively with other San Mateo County municipalities through the

San Mateo Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program or regionally through the Bay Area Stormwater Management Agencies Association. The remainder of the GI Plan was developed by City staff, with ongoing coordination between the Public Works, Parks and Recreation, and Community Development Departments.

BUDGET IMPACT:

The GI Plan was funded as Project #467785. Future City GI projects will be identified and funded as part of the capital improvement budgeting process.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

This Green Infrastructure Plan is not a project 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 - Draft Green Infrastructure Plan

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