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Director of Public Works

DATE: April 6, 2006

TO: City Council

FROM: Mark S. Norris, Wastewater Superintendent
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SUBJECT: Assessment for the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Storm Water Management Program

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council adopt a resolution authorizing an assessment for the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Storm Water Management Program for inclusion in the Ventura County Watershed Protection District's (VCWPD) Benefit Assessment Program (BAP).

DISCUSSION

Storm water runoff from urban areas, construction sites, and agricultural areas is a widespread cause of water quality impairment of the receiving water bodies, a fact that has been substantiated by the incrimination of impervious surfaces from new development, which subsequently have increased the flow and velocity of storm water runoff discharged into the storm water drainage system.

The Water Quality Act of 1987 added Section 402(p) to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and accompanying regulations, established a framework for regulating municipal and industrial storm water discharges under the NPDES program. The City of Oxnard was listed in the federal regulations as having a medium separate storm sewer system and required to prepare and submit a permit application by May 1993.

In August 1994, the Countywide NPDES Permit was issued by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board to the ten (10) incorporated cities, the County of Ventura and the VCWPD. This Permit was renewed on July 27, 2000, with more prescriptive requirements than the previous version. In addition, more stringent requirements are anticipated upon the renewal of the permit later this year.

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As part of the program development, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors approved the concept of a Countywide Storm Water Management Program and the use of the VCWPD's Benefit Assessment Authority (BAA) to finance the program on April 14, 1992. The VCWPD's BAP, as authorized by the Ventura County Flood Control Act and related Government Code Sections, enables the VCWPD to utilize its BAA to finance the operation and maintenance of the primary flood control channels and facilities within Ventura County.

Utilizing its BAA, the VCWPD has developed a Basic Assessment Unit (BAU) for various land uses within Ventura County. The BAU is based on the amount of storm water runoff generated from parcels of real property. The variations in BAU values are determined by the impervious building and pavement areas developed on each site. The BAP uses a single family dwelling on 0.2 acres of land with an imperviousness of 0.40 as their BAU standard base.

The Board of Supervisors indicated that a public hearing should to be held by any city wishing to be included in VCWPD's BAP. The decision to levy a benefit assessment for each Municipal Storm Water Quality Management Program and the final amount thereof will be determined at the discretion of the Board of Supervisors.

On April 26, 2005, City Council adopted Resolution No. 12,801 authorizing the VCWPD to include the assessment of \$10.28/BAU, on behalf of the City, for FY 2005-2006. Due to the benefits of participation in the VCWPD's Benefit Assessment Program, staff recommends that City Council adopt a resolution determining an assessment for the City's Storm Water Quality Management Program to be recommended for inclusion in this year's assessment (see Attachment 1). Maintaining the annual assessment at \$10.28/BAU would generate approximately \$553,249 in revenues.

As previously mentioned, it is anticipated that the new Countywide NPDES permit will contain significantly increased permit requirements, including the addition of storm water inspections of industrial facilities, a rigorous storm water construction inspection program, and a far more expansive monitoring program. The current NPDES benefit assessment of \$10.28/BAU is anticipated to generate revenue during FY 2006-2007 of approximately \$553,249. This revenue will be sufficient to fund the costs of the program. However, it is anticipated that the cost to implement the new permit requirements will be in excess of \$1,000,000 during FY 2007-08. As a result, staff will be working with the VCWPD to increase the City's BAP assessment to \$19.00/BAU to fund these increased costs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Expenditures and Revenue in the amount of \$553,249 will be included in the proposed FY 2006-2007 Budget.

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