



*City of Arts & Innovation*

# City Council Memorandum

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL** **DATE: MARCH 3, 2020**

**FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT** **WARD: ALL**

**SUBJECT: RENEWAL OF COUNTY SERVICE AREA 152 ASSESSMENT FOR THE NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM PERMIT—RESOLUTION**

## **ISSUE:**

Adopt a resolution renewing the current assessment within County Service Area 152 in the City of Riverside for the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit at an annual rate of \$10.00 per benefit assessment unit for Fiscal Year 2020/2021.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council adopt a resolution renewing the current assessment within County Service Area 152 in the City of Riverside for the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit at an annual rate of \$10.00 per benefit assessment unit for Fiscal Year 2020/2021.

## **BACKGROUND:**

County Service Area (CSA) 152 was formed and established pursuant to Riverside County Ordinance number 573 in November 1991 to establish a funding mechanism to meet the permit requirements for the unincorporated portions of the County. Municipalities were also permitted to annex into CSA 152, as did the City of Riverside along with the cities of Corona, Desert Hot Springs, Lake Elsinore, La Quinta, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Norco, Palm Springs, Rancho Mirage, and San Jacinto.

The City assessment of \$10.00 per benefit assessment unit (BAU) is consistent with the County established annual assessment per BAU. The standard BAU is based on a single-family residential parcel of 7,200 square feet with “typical” impervious surfaces consistent with a single family residence, i.e. rooftop, driveway, walkways, etc. Institutional parcels (schools, churches, hospitals) are assessed 9 BAUs per acre and Industrial/Commercial Parcels are assessed 12 BAUs per acre. Undeveloped parcels are assumed to have no stormwater runoff and are not assessed.

Funds collected under the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) program pay for several programs including storm drain

maintenance, street sweeping, stormwater monitoring, and compliance with Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirements for the Santa Ana River (bacteria) and Canyon Lake/Lake Elsinore (nutrients).

### **DISCUSSION:**

The annual process for CSA 152 assessment requires the City Council to adopt a Resolution renewing the \$10.00 per BAU rate for Fiscal Year 2020/2021. Adoption of this resolution reaffirms the same BAU rate used during the previous fiscal year. These funds are integral to funding programs necessary to comply with NPDES MS4 Permit requirements.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Fiscal Year 2020/2021 budget anticipates revenue of approximately \$1,500,000 from the CSA 152 assessment. These revenues are used solely to fund programs necessary to comply with the NPDES MS4 permit requirements.

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Attachment: Resolution