



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: MARCH 9, 2021**

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

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION RENEWING THE RATE FOR COUNTY SERVICE AREA 152 TO FUND ACTIVITIES TO COMPLY WITH THE CITY'S NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL STORM SEWER SYSTEM DISCHARGES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2021-2022 THROUGH 2023-2024

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 Years 2021-2022 through 2023-2024.

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 Years 2021-2022 through 2023-2024.

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 process for CSA 152 assessment requires the City Council to adopt a Resolution renewing the \$10.00 per BAU rate for Fiscal Years 2021-2022 through 2023-2024. The County of Riverside will accept a multi-year resolution as is being proposed. 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:

Budgets for Fiscal Years 2021-2022 through 2023-2024 anticipate revenues of approximately \$1,400,000 annually from the CSA 152 assessment.

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Attachment: Resolution