



STAFF REPORT

ITEM NO. 5

DATE: DECEMBER 18, 2012
TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
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SUBJECT: AGUA MANSA FORCE SEWER MAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the City Council approve scope of Agua Mansa Force Sewer Main Improvement Project and ratify the notice of inviting bids published on December 14, 2012.

GOAL STATEMENT

The project will support the City's goal to improve the wastewater infrastructure, and allow for future growth and development.

BACKGROUND

The City of Colton ("City") owns, operates, and maintains a wastewater collection, pumping, and treatment system that serve's the City, neighboring City of Grand Terrace, and unincorporated County areas. The plant utilizes a conventional and extended aeration secondary treatment process to produce treated effluent in compliance with Regional Water Quality Control Board regulations. A regional tertiary treatment plant serving both the cities of Colton and San Bernardino treats the effluent from the City's wastewater treatment plant and returns the water to the Santa Ana River. City Staff has identified that Agua Mansa Road has high priority needs based on system infrastructure deficiencies and pending development in the area. The Agua Mansa Force Sewer Main Improvement ("Project") is part of the City's goal to serve the properties along the Agua Mansa Corridor and provide conveyance of wastewater from businesses and industrial facilities.

Currently this area is served through a contract agreement with the City of Rialto to provide a capacity of 30,000 gallons per day (gpd). Proposed new development in this area is requiring either amending the agreement or building City's own infrastructure to provide additional capacity of 120,000 gpd.

ISSUES/ANALYSIS

Staff has approached the City of Rialto to amend the existing agreement. After analyzing the option of amending the agreement with Rialto and the alternative of installing the City's own force sewer system, it appears that the latter is the most cost effective option. It also provides a long term solution to the sewer infrastructure issues and provides additional capacity for the properties along Agua Mansa Road currently lacking sewer service.

This Project scope of work includes installation of a sanitary sewer force main along Agua Mansa Road from Riverside Avenue to Rancho Avenue. The Engineers Estimate for this Project is approximately \$ 1,500,000. Bids are needed to have a closer estimate of total Project cost and to enable the City to come to an agreement with a developer looking to build the first industrial building in the area. The Project will benefit the entire Agua Mansa Corridor and discussions have begun to determine the fair share contributions from properties that benefit along Agua Mansa Road, as well as the structure of the total Project financing. To cash flow the project, staff is proposing to delay the centrifuge Project for up to one year.

The notice for inviting bids was published on December 14, 2012, in Press Enterprise. The Plan, Specification and Estimates (PS&E) for this project have not been finalized and are for bidding purposes only. Once the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review is completed, staff will finalize the PS&E. The CEQA review may cause final PS&E to be modified and may require project to be rebid. A copy of the draft PS&E will be provided on the December 18th City Council meeting.

FISCAL IMPACTS

Total cost for the Project is estimated by the City's Engineer at \$1,500,000. Once bids are received, the Project will be brought back to the City Council for approval of the financing structure and a C.I.P Resolution reflecting actual Project cost, as well as adding the Project to the current 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The solicitation of bids is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Res. Code § 21000 et seq.: "CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15004(b)(2)(A). The City's approval of the solicitation of bids does not constitute approval of any Project, or other activity that would have a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect environmental impact pursuant to CEQA. (14 C.C.R. § 15060(c); 15378(b).) Moreover, City's future consideration of this Project is expressly conditioned upon CEQA compliance and City shall conduct environmental review pursuant to CEQA prior to taking any discretionary action with regard to any approval of the proposed Project. Moreover, nothing contained herein shall be construed to limit City's discretion to consider and adopt any mitigation measure or Project alternative, including the alternative of rejecting the Project and/or selecting an alternative

location, as provided in Public Resources Code section 21002. Following completion of future environmental review, as required by CEQA, and the City's future approval of a Project, the City shall file a notice of such approval as required under section 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

Exhibit A –Project Map

Exhibit "A"

Project Map

PROPOSED SEWER FORCE MAIN
ALONG AGUA MANSA ROAD

