



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Julia R. Bueren, Public Works Director/Chief Engineer  
Date: March 3, 2015

Subject: Adopt Resolution Requesting that the Flood Control District Adopt Annual Parcel Assessments for the County's Watershed Program. Project #7517-6W7091

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

ADOPT Resolution No. 2015/66 establishing a rate of \$30 per Equivalent Runoff Unit (ERU) for Stormwater Utility Area 17 (Unincorporated County) for Fiscal Year 2015/2016 and requesting that the Contra Costa County Flood Control & Water Conservation District (FC District) adopt annual parcel assessments for drainage maintenance and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program, Countywide. (100% Stormwater Utility Area 17 Funds)

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The 2015/2016 rate per ERU is the same as that set for fiscal year 2014/2015. Therefore, there will be no change in rate for Unincorporated County property owners. The unincorporated area of Contra Costa County will produce approximately \$2,700,000, which will be used to implement the Unincorporated County's Watershed Program. All associated costs funded 100% by Stormwater Utility Area 17 Funds.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Clean Water Program consists of the County, Contra Costa cities, and the FC District working together to prevent, reduce, or eliminate the discharge of pollutants into the storm

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR ☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **03/03/2015** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor  
Mary N. Piepho, District III Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor

ABSENT: Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: March 3, 2015

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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drain system, including creeks and other natural waterways. The Clean Water Program was established in response to changes in the Federal Clean Water Act. The Program known at the federal level as the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program for Municipal Stormwater

## BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

Owners is in its fifteenth year. In order to be in compliance with the current NPDES permit, Clean Water Program participants implement a Stormwater Management Plan stipulating a set of activities and a performance or service level. The Stormwater Management Plan is a major component of the Joint Municipal NPDES Stormwater Permit with the California Regional Water Quality Control Boards and is paid for with stormwater utility fee assessments. Adoption of the attached resolution will begin the annual process of assessment adoption.

The Board of Supervisors is being asked to set a rate of \$30 for one ERU in the Unincorporated County areas and to request that the FC District adopt the stormwater utility assessment. (The FC District is the only entity under state law with legal authority to assess this particular assessment.)

The Public Works Department coordinates the County Watershed Program for the County. Examples of how the assessment is being spent in the current year include:

1. General drainage maintenance to remove debris and sediment from County storm drain systems, flood control channels, and creeks.
2. Targeted street sweeping throughout the County.
3. Work with County Building Inspection and Public Works inspectors and construction companies/contractors to reduce construction contaminants, such as paint, cement, oil/fuels, and soil erosion from entering storm drains and creeks.
4. Encourage Planners and the development community to use new designs that will reduce contaminated stormwater runoff.
5. Educate the public on the benefits of reducing pesticides and other toxic household product use and their proper disposal.
6. Educate County Engineers and Maintenance staff on flood control design, construction, and maintenance practices that protect water quality and preserve natural watershed habitats.
7. Inspection of industrial and commercial businesses for evidence that spill prevention, equipment maintenance and cleaning, waste handling and disposal, and other business practices are done in a manner that minimizes stormwater contamination.
8. Educate marina operators and their marina users through a marina program.
9. Create an annual Watershed Calendar that is disseminated to all single-family households in the County to educate residents of pollution prevention measures that they

can take to protect stormwater runoff and improve the water quality of our receiving waters.

**CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

If the rate per ERU is not set for the coming fiscal year, funds will not be available for the County's Watershed Program to comply with the Joint Municipal NPDES Stormwater Permit. The Regional Water Quality Control Boards have the authority to issue fines of up to \$10,000 per day against those municipalities that do not comply with the Permit and fail to implement their Stormwater Management Plans.

**CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:**

Not applicable.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Resolution No. 2015/66