



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Contra Costa County Flood Control District Board of Supervisors

From: Julia R. Bueren, Public Works Director/Chief Engineer

Date: May 10, 2016

Subject: SET HEARING FOR ADOPTION OF STORMWATER UTILITY ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017, COUNTYWIDE. PROJECT NO. 4500-6X7041

RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. ACCEPT the Chief Engineer's report for the adoption of Stormwater Utility Assessments for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 for Stormwater Utility Area Numbers 1 through 18;
2. ACKNOWLEDGE receipt of resolutions requesting adoption of Stormwater Utility Assessments for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 from the following municipalities and corresponding Stormwater Utility Areas: Antioch, Clayton, Concord, Danville, El Cerrito, Hercules, Lafayette, Martinez, Moraga, Orinda, Pinole, Pittsburg, Pleasant Hill, San Pablo, San Ramon, Walnut Creek, Unincorporated Contra Costa County, and Oakley.
3. ADOPT the attached Resolution, and FIX June 21, 2016, at 9:30 a.m. in the Board chambers as the time and place for the Public Hearing on the adoption of Stormwater Utility Assessments for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 for said areas.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The proposed assessments for Stormwater Utility Areas 1 through 18 will provide approximately \$13,937,608 in funding for the cities and Unincorporated County for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program and drainage

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **05/10/2016** ☒ 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

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: May 10, 2016

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

By: June McHuen, Deputy

Contact: Tim Jensen, (925) 313-2390

cc: Laura Strobel, County Administrator's Office, Bob Campbell, County Auditor-Controller's Office, Letitia Watters, County Auditor-Controller's Office, Leigh Chavez, Environmental, Mike Carlson, Flood Control, Tom Dalziel, Contra Costa Clean Water Program, Tim Jensen, Flood Control, Dan Jordan, County Watershed Program, Catherine Windham, Flood Control

maintenance activities. (100% Stormwater Utility Area Assessments)

BACKGROUND:

The Contra Costa Clean Water Program consists of Contra Costa County (County), its incorporated cities, and the Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (FC District) working collectively under a Joint Municipal Stormwater NPDES Permit issued by the State Regional Water Quality Control Board. This permit is federally mandated through the Clean Water Act, which was amended in 1987 to specifically address stormwater pollution. The current five-year permit from the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board began in December 2016. Public education on pollution prevention, trash assessments, inspection of construction sites, as well as commercial and industrial facilities, street sweeping, catch basin cleaning and other forms of drainage maintenance are examples of actions taken to meet permit requirements. An Annual Report is written each year to summarize accomplishments.

The Contra Costa Clean Water Program is currently in its third Joint Municipal Stormwater NPDES Permit issued by the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board. The Joint Municipal Stormwater NPDES Permit issued by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board for the cities of Antioch, Brentwood, Oakley, and unincorporated East County began in September 2010. The permit includes, for each municipality, a Stormwater Management Plan outlining intended activities designed to reduce or eliminate pollutants from entering the storm drain system.

The Regional Boards indicated the need for a restricted funding source to finance implementation costs. In order to meet this need, the County proposed legislation providing a financial option for municipalities to use through the FC District. The bill, AB 2768 (Campbell), was passed by the legislature and signed by Governor Pete Wilson on August 30, 1992. The legislation specifically allowed a municipality to request formation of a Stormwater Utility Area and an assessment to pay for implementation costs.

The Board of Supervisors, acting as governing board of the Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, provided public notice to all affected property owners before the establishment of the Stormwater Utility Areas on June 22, 1993, creating 17 Stormwater Utility Areas. This 1993 Board action also set the first-year assessment rates for each Stormwater Utility Area, as well as maximum rates. Assessments were collected for Fiscal Year 1993-1994 through 2000-2001. On May 9, 2000, the FC District separated the City of Oakley from Stormwater Utility Area 17. The City of Oakley was established as Stormwater Utility Area 18 at that time and assessments were collected for Fiscal Year 2000-2001. The FC District does not collect this assessment for the cities of Richmond and Brentwood. Richmond and Brentwood collect their NPDES levy as a sewer fee.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If the proposed assessments for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 are not implemented, the program would have to be funded by the general funds of the cities and County to ensure compliance with NPDES permit requirements.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution No. 2016/359

Municipal Resolutions

Engineer's Report

Exhibit A

SUA Proposed Fees