



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Contra Costa County Flood Control District Board of Supervisors

From: Brian M. Balbas, Public Works Director/Chief Engineer

Date: June 8, 2021

Subject: Hearing to Adopt Resolution Approving the Stormwater Utility Assessments for Fiscal Year 2021–2022, Countywide. Project No. 4500-6X7041, CP# 95-37

RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. OPEN the public hearing on Resolution No. 2021/179; RECEIVE public comments, and CLOSE public hearing.

2. FIND that adoption of Resolution No. 2021/179 is not disputed and collection of assessments is necessary for the cities and unincorporated Contra Costa County (County) for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program and drainage maintenance activities.

3. ADOPT Resolution No. 2021/179 approving the Stormwater Utility Assessments for Fiscal Year 2021–2022 for Stormwater Utility Areas No. 1 through 18, as recommended by the Chief Engineer, Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The proposed assessments for Stormwater Utility Areas 1 through 18 will provide approximately \$15,914,283 in funding for the cities and the County for the NPDES program and drainage maintenance activities. (100% Stormwater Utility Area Assessments)

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **06/08/2021** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Diane Burgis, 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: June 8, 2021

Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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By: June McHuen, Deputy

BACKGROUND:

The Contra Costa Clean Water Program consists of the 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 effective January 1, 2016. This permit is federally mandated through the Clean Water Act, which was amended in 1987 to specifically address stormwater pollution. 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 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 FC 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 2021–2022 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. 2021/179