

CITY OF DANA POINT

AGENDA REPORT

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DATE: AUGUST 25, 2004

TO: CITY MANAGER/CITY COUNCIL

FROM: MATTHEW SINACORI, DEPUTY CITY ENGINEER

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION OF AN EXPENDITURE FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES TO IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NEWLY ADOPTED LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN TO CONTINUE TO MEET THE CITY'S STRATEGIC PLAN

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the City Council (1) authorize the expenditure of a not-to-exceed amount of \$55,000 for consultant services to implement the requirements of the newly adopted Local Implementation Plan (LIP) to meet the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (SDRWQCB) adopted Order Number R9-2002-0001; (2) acknowledge that the cost of these consultant services are fully funded from the City's Operating Budget; and (3) acknowledge that the City's Number One Strategic Plan Initiative is to "to restore and maintain the integrity of our ocean waters and beaches".

ISSUES:

Based on the SDRWQCB adopted Order Number R9-2002-0001, entitled "Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Urban Runoff from the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) Draining the Watersheds of the County of Orange, the Incorporated Cities of Orange County and the Orange County Flood Control District Within the San Diego Region", the City developed the Local Implementation Plan (LIP) with intent to improve water quality in receiving waters. In order to meet the action plan identified in the LIP, City staff recommends approval of the recommended action.

BACKGROUND:

On February 13, 2002, the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (SDRWQCB) adopted its Order Number R9-2002-0001, Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Urban Runoff from the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) Draining the Watersheds of the County of Orange, the

Incorporated Cities of Orange County and the Orange County Flood Control District Within the San Diego Region, hereunder, the NPDES Order.

The City of Dana Point submitted a draft LIP to the SDRWQCB in February 2003 to meet the regulatory deadline. The SDRWQCB provided feedback in the form of comments and suggestions for LIP improvements. City staff has incorporated many of those recommendations and the City Council adopted the LIP on December 12, 2003 and directed staff to send the document to the SDRWQCB.

Based on the Permit requirements, the City of Dana Point developed and began implementation of the LIP immediately after submittal of the document to the SDRWQCB in February 2003. After receiving comments from the SDRWQCB, staff made revisions to the document and submitted it to Council on November 26, 2003 for review. The City Council took an action on December 10, 2003 to formally adopt the draft LIP and direct staff to submit the final document to the SDRWQCB.

City staff has generated a summary of overall recommendations, included as Supporting Document A, that were identified in the LIP for purposes of improving our local watersheds and ocean water quality and reducing beach closures and postings. This document was sent to Council as a reminder on July 20, 2004.

DISCUSSION:

As mentioned earlier in this report, on February 13, 2002, the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (SDRWQCB) adopted its Order Number R9-2002-0001. As a result, the City Council adopted a Local Implementation Plan to implement programs and recommendations to comply with the Order and to improve local water quality.

In order to continue to meet the obligations and recommendations outlined in the LIP, City staff has identified the need to utilize consultant services to oversee and implement the program. Since inception, City staff, in conjunction with the City's contract engineering consultant, has been implementing the programs outlined in the LIP since the draft document was approved by the Council and submitted to the SDRWQCB in February 2004.

Based on the continued need and the obligations of the LIP, staff recommends that the Council approve the recommended action.

NOTIFICATION/FOLLOW-UP:

None

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

In compliance with the Strategic Plan Initiative to restore and maintain the integrity of our ocean waters and beaches, this action proposes to continue to implement the LIP to comply with the Regional Water Quality Control Board-adopted NPDES Order.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City's Water Quality Budget has designated the following funding for purposes of implementation of the LIP:

General Fund (Operating Budget for LIP Implementation): \$ 118,000

TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDING
(For LIP Implementation Only) \$ 118,000

City staff, with the assistance of the City's in-house engineering consultant, has continued to implement the programs outlined in the LIP. The staff recommendation is to continue to provide those implementation services utilizing City Council approved operating funds. The cost of said services is fully funded by those designated operating funds.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS:

Other action as determined by Council.

ACTION DOCUMENTS:

Summary of LIP Program Implementation (hardcopy provided)

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

None

Supporting Document A – Summary of LIP Recommendations and Programs

Hard Copy Provided