



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.
C-18

For the meeting of: May 5, 2015

Date: April 22, 2015

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Thomas K. Mattson, Public Works Director

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Subject: Supplemental Budget in Water Management (1100251)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors adopts the following supplemental budget (4/5 vote required):

Revenue:	1100251-621020	Services for Other Agencies	\$20,000
Expenditure:	1100251-2118	Professional Services	\$20,000

SOURCE OF FUNDING: Cities of Eureka, Arcata, Fortuna, Trinidad; General Fund

DISCUSSION:

The Cities of Eureka, Arcata, Fortuna, and Trinidad (the Cities) along with McKinleyville, the unincorporated Eureka area, and Shelter Cove are subject to the State's general permit for small municipal separate storm sewer systems. The State stormwater permit requires that local agencies develop programs to regulate certain residential, commercial, industrial, and municipal development projects to achieve compliance with low impact development (LID) design standards. LID design standards are intended to maintain a site's pre-development runoff characteristics by using design techniques that capture, treat, and infiltrate storm water on site.

Prepared by Hank Seemann

CAO Approval

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REVIEW:

Auditor MSM County Counsel _____ Human Resources _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:

- Consent
- Departmental
- Public Hearing
- Other _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor Lovelace Seconded by Supervisor Bass

- Ayes Sundberg, Lovelace, Fennell, Bohn, Bass
- Nays _____
- Abstain _____
- Absent _____

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Meeting of: _____

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: May 5, 2015

By: *[Handwritten signature]*
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

Public Works is coordinating with the Cities to develop a common manual (the Humboldt Stormwater Low Impact Development Manual) that presents technical information, procedures, and guidance for complying with the LID design standards. This common manual will benefit the public by providing a standardized approach for complying with the LID design standards, rather than multiple approaches that differ by jurisdiction. In addition it will provide cost-savings to the County and the Cities by pooling funds together for a single product.

Public Works intends to retain LACO Associates, Inc. to provide technical assistance in developing the Humboldt Stormwater Low Impact Development Manual, based on their experience developing a similar manual for Mendocino County in 2014. Two versions of the Humboldt manual, an interim and a final, will be developed. The interim manual will be based closely on the Mendocino manual and will be completed by the State's compliance date of July 1, 2015. The final manual will include several revisions and improvements to increase clarity, expand flexibility, provide streamlining where possible, and ensure consistency with the State stormwater permit. A draft final manual will be developed by July 2015 and circulated for stakeholder review. Revisions will be made in the Fall 2015 and the revised final manual should be completed by December 2015.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Cities have pledged a total of \$20,000 as cost-share for the manual preparation. The proposed supplemental budget incorporates this new revenue into the Water Management budget. The County's cost-share is \$15,255. The cost-share amounts were developed based on general estimates of the number of future projects in the respective jurisdictions affected by the LID design standards. The existing Water Management budget contains adequate funds to cover the County's cost-share portion.

The recommended actions conform to the Board of Supervisors' core roles of providing for and maintaining infrastructure and creating opportunities for improved safety and health as identified in the Board of Supervisors' Strategic Framework.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Cities of Eureka, Arcata, Fortuna, Trinidad

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Board discretion

ATTACHMENTS:

None