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# Stormwater Funding Update

Public Works Committee

January 6, 2020

# Status of Discussions

- o PWC adopted overall stormwater program goals
- o PWC supported Funding Scenario 2 from options presented
- o PWC was provided information on communities in the region with dedicated stormwater funding or fees
- o PWC endorsed concept of a utility
  - o Supportive of equivalent residential unit concept for fees

# Program Goals for Scenario 2

- o Improve reliability of existing system through increased maintenance including proactive efforts
  - o Dedicated resources for operation and maintenance (labor and materials)
  - o Inspection and condition assessment of existing system components
- o Expand implementation of regulatory NPDES water quality program including infrastructure improvements, public education, and staff training
  - o Staff training
  - o Illicit discharge inspections
  - o Increased public education and participation
- o Maintain a proactive approach to identifying needed updates to the City's standards and ordinances

# Required Revenue

- o To Fund Scenario #2 (escalated to 2020 costs)
  - o \$1.618 M in annual funding at start (will need to increase over time as costs increase)
    - o 11.9 FTEs
    - o Includes routine maintenance and inspection, construction of small projects, system repairs, regulatory compliance, design and project management
  - o \$0.614 M in one-time funding
    - o Nine trucks/pieces of equipment
- o Several participants in community groups recommended additional funding for some capital projects in the program

# Next Steps

- Specifics will need to be determined as part of a comprehensive rate study
  - Initial study to develop funding program and billing system is estimated to cost \$400,000-\$450,000
  - Development will require approximately 18 months
  - Work would be in two phases
    - Development of program and rate system before public vote
    - Implementation of billing system after vote, if approved
  - CIP sales tax cannot be spent on the study
- Can add study to expansion list for FY21 budget

Questions/Comments?

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# Equivalent Units

- o The Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU), sometimes called the Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU), is the area of impervious surface on a “typical” single-family residential lot.
- o Fees for non-residential/commercial properties are often calculated based on the number of ERUs of impervious area on each parcel