



# Agenda Report

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR PALMISANO  
Jackie McCloud, Environmental Sustainability Manager

**SUBJECT:** Amendment of Resolution No. 152-20 (CM), Adding Language to Incorporate the Full Project Grant Proposal in the Amount of \$765,000 from the Department of Water Resources (DWR) Proposition 1 Pajaro Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)

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## STATEMENT OF ISSUES:

It is recommended that City Council amend Resolution No. 152-20 to incorporate the full project proposal per Department of Water Resources Legal Counsel and add "*the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Installation Project on behalf of the City of Gilroy*" to the end of the second resolve of City Resolution No. 152-20 for the grant award of \$765,000 from the Department of Water Resources (DWR) Proposition 1 Pajaro Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM). This small change in language is required for the State to award grant funds to the City.

## RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends amending City Resolution No. 152-20 per Department of Water Resources Legal Counsel to add "*the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Installation Project on behalf of the City of Gilroy*" to the end of the second resolve of City Resolution No. 152-20 for the grant award of \$765,000 from the Department of Water Resources (DWR) Proposition 1 Pajaro Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM).

## DISCUSSION:

The City of Watsonville participates in the Pajaro River Watershed region's Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) program, initiated by the State in 2002 to encourage local agencies to work collaboratively to manage regional water resources. The State, through the Department of Water Resources (DWR), encourages IRWM efforts by providing grant funding.

In September 2019, the Pajaro IRWM posted a Proposition 1 grant solicitation for projects that would have the following benefits: flood control, water quality improvements, and water supply. City staff recognized an opportunity to apply for the Upper Struve Slough

Watershed Enhancement and Public Access Project that had been in development for approximately the past 5 years.

In order to meet all grant guidelines and requirements the City of Watsonville had to apply with City of Gilroy so that a project would be included in the grant application that reduces Regional reliance on the Central Valley Project. City of Gilroy will be a subgrantee to the City of Watsonville in the amount of \$250,000.

**Resolution Amendment.** The amended resolution adopted on August 25, 2020, Resolution No. 152-20 CM, authorized appropriation of the full grant amount by the City Manager. However, Department of Water Resources Legal Counsel requires the following in the resolution before execution of the grant agreement: *add "the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Installation Project on behalf of the City of Gilroy" to the end of the second resolve of City Resolution 152-20.*

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This project is consistent with the City Council's Strategic Goal:  
03-Infrastructure & Environment

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The account number for this project is 0260-338-7307-11090. The total grant award is \$765,000. \$250,000 of the total grant award is for the City of Gilroy's project. The City is acting as the City of Gilroy's fiscal agent for this project. City of Gilroy is paying the City \$12,000 for grant administration. The City of Watsonville has no match requirement for this grant.

**ALTERNATIVE ACTION:**

No reasonable alternatives are known at this time. City staff has been in grant negotiations for 6 months on this project and this is the final item so that the grant can be executed.

**ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (If any):**

1. City Resolution No. 152-20 (CM)