

Agenda Report



MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 19, 2024

TO: City Council

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR LINDBERG
ASST PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR GREEN
WATER DIVISION MANAGER KAYSER

THROUGH: CITY MANAGER MENDEZ

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND
ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR ZONE 2 WATER RESERVOIR
AND AIRPORT BOOSTER PUMP STATION MODIFICATION
PROJECT, NO. WA-20-14829

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve plans and specifications and call for bids for the Zone 2 Reservoir Project, No. WA-20-14829.

BACKGROUND:

Plans and specifications have been prepared for the Zone 2 Water Reservoir and Airport Booster Pump Station Modification Project, No. WA-20-14829, and the project is ready to be publicly bid.

DISCUSSION:

The Public Works & Utilities Department's proposed project includes the construction and operation of a new 2.38 million-gallon (MG) concrete above ground water storage tank at the site of the Watsonville Municipal Airport. The new tank will be sited next and adjacent to the City's existing 3 (MG) water storage tank and will provide the necessary back-up and emergency storage in the event of a catastrophic event such as an earthquake, drought, or failure of the existing tank.

The City, in collaboration with the Regional Water Management Foundation, was awarded a \$5 million grant toward the cost of design and construction of this project from the State Department of Water Resources Urban and Multi-Benefit Drought Relief Grant.

The engineer's estimate for this project is approximately \$9.5 million. Bid opening is tentatively scheduled for April 24, 2024, and the plans and specifications are on file in the City Clerk's Office.

The project was previously evaluated for environmental impacts in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). City Council adopted the final initial study and mitigated negative declaration for the project in Resolution 114-23 at the June 13, 2023, Council Meeting. The Notice of Determination was filed with the Santa Cruz County Recorder's Office and State Clearinghouse shortly thereafter.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This project supports Strategic Plan Goal:
2-Infrastructure & Environment

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Approval of this item has no financial impact at this time. This project is included in the Water Enterprise Fund Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), Project #14829. Any necessary budget appropriations will be made at the time of project award.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

No reasonable alternative. If the project is not completed, the existing reservoir will not be able to be rehabilitated and the water system will lose this critical water supply and storage infrastructure, as well as potential loss of grant funding.

ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (If any):

1. Plans & Specifications (on file with the City Clerk's Office)