



CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT

TO: Honorable City Council

Item No. _____

FROM: City Administrator

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the 1st Amendment to the Sub-recipient Agreement with the Gateway Water Management Authority for Proposition 84 Grant funded Advanced Meter Reading units.

MEETING DATE: May 2, 2017

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the Resolution approving the 1st Amendment to the Sub-recipient Agreement with the Gateway Water Management Authority for Proposition 84 Grant funded Advanced Meter Reading units.

ANALYSIS:

As a board member of the Gateway Water Management Authority (GWMA), the City of Commerce participated in a joint California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Proposition 84 Grant application for Advanced Meter Reading (AMR) units as a capital improvement to the Commerce Water System. GWMA was awarded the grant in the amount of \$745,902 to replace 4,200 water meters for the Cities of Bellflower, Cerritos, Commerce, Downey, Lakewood, Norwalk, South Gate, Whittier, the Pico Rivera Water Authority, the Long Beach Water Department, and the Pico Water Districts (Sub-recipients). Commerce's share of the total grant is \$111,559 to replace approximately 319 water meters with an equivalent number of AMR units.

On January 17, 2017, the City Council approved a Sub-recipient Agreement with the Gateway Water Management Authority for Proposition 84 Grant funded Advanced Meter Reading units and allocation of \$47,096.77 for grant match/cost share from the Water Utility Fund. On March 7, 2017, the City of Vernon withdrew from the Project, thus requiring an amendment to the executed Sub-recipient Agreement to remove them as a grantee.

Staff is coordinating with California Water Service Company (Cal Water) to identify and prioritize water meter replacements in the Commerce Water System. The new meters will replace mostly residential meters in the Veteran's Park area. The new AMRs automatically read water usage, reducing errors in manually entering data. The AMRs can be read by a walk-by or drive-by automated meter reading system. Hand-held units collecting data devices attach easily to computers for downloading the data. Data can also be transmitted digitally to

an offsite office with the use of an antenna. One of the advantages of AMRs is immediate leak detection. The AMR will notify Cal Water of any unusual amount of water usage and Cal Water can respond to the site and notify the customer immediately. This will reduce water waste and help better identify problem meters and/or water lines.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve staff recommendation
2. Disapprove staff recommendation
3. Provide further direction to staff

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the City of Commerce since GWMA's administrative fee is reimbursable by the grant.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC GOALS:

This item is related to a specific 2016 Strategic Goal to "develop and invest in infrastructure and beautification projects that support economic growth."

Approved by: MaryamBabaki, Director of Public Works and Development Services

Prepared by: Gina Nila, Deputy Director of Public Works Operations

Reviewed by: VilkoDomic, Finance Director

Approved as to form: Eduardo Olivo, City Attorney

Respectfully submitted: Matthew R. Rodriguez, Interim City Administrator

Attachments: Resolution

1st Amendment to the GWMA Sub-recipient Agreement