



CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT

TO: Honorable City Council **Item No.** _____

FROM: City Administrator

SUBJECT: Proposition 1 Grant Subrecipient Agreement for Stormwater

MEETING DATE: February 6, 2018

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Council will consider adoption of a Resolution to approve and execute a Proposition 1 Grant Subrecipient Agreement with the Gateway Water Management Authority.

BACKGROUND:

On September 5, 2017, staff presented the City Council with a stormwater activities update report which included information on progress implementing its joint Watershed Management Program, Feasibility Study results for regional infiltration projects to meet regulatory compliance, and a Proposition 1 Grant Award.

Commerce's regional partners include the Cities of Bell, Bell Gardens, Cudahy, Huntington Park, Maywood, Vernon and LA County Flood Control District (LACFCD). The WMP Group is commonly referred to as the Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Sub-watershed (LAR UR2 SW). On May 28, 2013, Council authorized a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Gateway Water Management Authority (GWMA) for administration and cost-sharing of regional efforts among the LAR UR2 SW members. There are four different WMP groups in the Gateway region and all utilize the GWMA as their fiduciary agent.

The LAR UR2's consultant and WMP group Chair (Commerce) developed a Proposition 1 application for two of its six regional projects, namely John Anson Ford Park (Bell Gardens) and Randolph Street Rail to Green Trail Infiltration Projects. The GWMA administratively submitted the application to the State Water Board on July 8, 2016 on behalf of the LAR UR2 SW. **We received a recommended grant award for the Ford Park Infiltration Project – Phase 1 in the amount of \$9,949,842 with a 10% match of \$1,105,538 for a total project cost of \$11,055,380.** Typically, the match is 50%, however due to the LAR UR2 members qualifying as Disadvantage Communities (DAC), the match requirement is only 10%. This was a highly competitive State-wide grant process and our WMP group succeeded in securing funding. Approximately half of Commerce drains into

the Rio Hondo River through Bell Gardens and is directly related to Commerce's compliance with the WMP and TMDLs. The WMP projects are regional projects based on drainage patterns that members of the WMP groups decided would best be addressed regionally and costs shared.

The LAR UR2 SW members agreed to continue with the existing MOU's cost-share allocation formula for the match contribution with one exception, the LACFCD needs more time to determine what their contribution will be for all 18 WMP/EWMP groups they participate in for design, construction, and operations and maintenance. Under the current MOU, they contribute 10% of the total costs towards WMP/CIMP development and special/feasibility studies and 5% for monitoring.

The table below provides the LAR UR2 cost share allocations for the 10% Proposition 1 Grant match funds of \$1,105,538 for the John Anson Ford Park Phase I project plus a 3% GWMA administrative fee. These allocations are based on one half of the total costs equally shared by the participating members listed below and one half based on each city's land area.

Watershed Permittee	Total per Watershed Permittee
Bell	\$149,088.91
Bell Gardens	\$145,217.31
Commerce	\$249,921.16
Cudahy	\$110,088.30
Huntington Park	\$159,052.57
Maywood	\$111,625.54
Vernon	\$213,710.36
Total	\$1,138,704.14

The GWMA approved the subject Subrecipient Agreement on January 11, 2018. Each participating agency needs to also approve and execute the same Agreement. Bell Gardens will serve as the Lead Agency for CEQA and as Project Manager. Bell Gardens will prepare a design, bid, build bidding packet and release it for bidding. As previously done with other joint bids/RFPs, the LAR UR2 members will review bids and recommend award. GMWA will award the contract and submit payment requests to the State with reports provided by Bell Gardens for project costs incurred during a reporting period. GWMA will manage the funds, disbursements, and collect each member's match amount. Commerce's role as Chair is to help coordinate the project execution, serve as the point of contact between the LAR UR2, GWMA and the Regional Water Board, and contribute its funding share.

ALTERNATIVES:

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

FISCAL IMPACT:

Commerce's share of the Proposition 1 Grant match in the amount of \$249,921.16 is fully funded in the current fiscal year budget.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC GOALS:

This item is related to a specific 2016 Strategic Goal for the Community's Quality of Life, Guiding Principle 5 to "foster environmentally conscious initiatives and continue to identify and develop city codes that support a clean, well-maintained, sustainable community."

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ATTACHMENTS: Resolution
Proposition 1 Grant Subrecipient Agreement