



CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT

TO: Honorable City Council

Item No. _____

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Los Angeles County Flood Control District Transfer Agreement for Safe Clean Water Parcel Tax Restricted Municipal Return for Stormwater Activities

MEETING DATE: August 4, 2020

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Council approval of a Resolution adopting a Transfer Agreement between the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and the City of Commerce, Agreement No. 2020MP17 for the Safe, Clean Water Program Municipal Program.

BACKGROUND:

Every agency that discharges water from its jurisdiction into the stormwater system is regulated under a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) federal permit assigned and enforced by the State Water Quality Resources Control Board and the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board. The permit remains in effect for five (5) years. The MS4 Stormwater Permit enforces all Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) regulating water quality for trash, metals, nutrients, and bacteria. Local governments struggle with the cost of these unfunded mandates in complying with water quality regulations.

With the County's passage of Measure W in November 2018, a new revenue source from a parcel tax on all properties based on impervious area is now in effect. In order to receive the municipal local return estimated at approximately \$1 million pre COVID-19 for the City of Commerce, the City of Commerce needs to approve their Transfer Agreement. These funds are restricted to stormwater activities and require the City to track and report eligible expenses annually to the County Flood Control District.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The parcel tax of 2.5 cents per square foot of impermeable area was expected to generate approximately \$300 million in annual revenue countywide. Commerce was estimated to receive approximately \$1 million in restricted funds. These are pre COVID-19 estimates. The total program revenues are divided as follows:

Regional Program (50%) = \$150 million
Municipal Program (40%) = \$120 million
County District Program (10%) = \$30 million

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC GOALS:

This item is related to the 2016 Strategic Goal to “create and pursue opportunities for collaboration and regional partnerships to maximize resources and address regional issues.”

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Attachments:

- A. Resolution
- B. Transfer Agreement – LA County Flood Control District