

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND ENVIRONMENT JUSTICE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to authority to execute an agreement with Ballard Diving and Salvage (Ballard) for Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant (HWRP) outfall inspections.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the Board of Public Works, on behalf of the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS), to execute an agreement with Ballard to provide annual and as-needed inspections of the 1-Mile, 5-Mile, and 7-Mile Outfalls at the HWRP with a term of five years from the date of execution with one two-year renewal option at a cost not to exceed \$1,050,000 (or \$150,000 per year).

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that there is no General Fund impact as sufficient funds are available within the Sewer Construction and Maintenance Fund to support the cost of this contract. The 2018-19 Adopted Budget provides \$110,000 in the Sanitation Expense and Equipment Account, a special purpose fund appropriation within the Sewer Construction and Maintenance Fund, to support the first year cost of this contract. Subsequent year funding will be provided through the City's annual budget development process, which is subject to Mayor and Council approval. Consistent with the City's Financial Policies, the contract includes a Financial Liability Clause which limits the City's annual financial obligation to the amount of funding provided in the corresponding year's annual budget.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE - OCTOBER 16, 2018

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - OCTOBER 16, 2018)

Summary:

On October 2, 2018, your Committee considered an August 17, 2018 CAO report relative to authority to execute an agreement with Ballard for HWRP outfall inspections. According to the CAO, the HWRP treats an average of 275 million gallons per day of wastewater and discharges the treated effluent into the Santa Monica Bay through three submarine outfalls. The 1-Mile Outfall is used for emergency purposes in the event of power outages and the plant discharge flow exceeds the 5-Mile Outfall capacity. The 5-Mile Outfall is currently the primary means for discharging HWRP effluent. The 7-Mile Outfall ceased discharging digested sludge and became inactive in November 1987. Although currently not in use, the BOS is still responsible for maintenance of the 7-Mile Outfall as required in the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, which is issued by the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (LARWQCB).

Annual surveys and inspections of the 1-Mile and 5-Mile Outfalls are also required under the City's NPDES permit. These inspections assist City staff in determining the structural integrity of the outfalls, flow distribution through the outfall diffuser ports, and the impact of treated effluent on marine life. The results of the inspections will determine the need for any repairs and/or cleanings of the outfalls. Annual inspections of the 7-Mile Outfall are not required under the City's

NPDES permit since this is an inactive outfall. The BOS reports that the City has been contracting out this work for approximately 30 years. The most recent contract with Ballard expired on June 12, 2018 and the BOS is seeking to establish a new contract. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend authorizing the execution of a new agreement with Ballard as detailed in the above recommendation. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.


Respectfully Submitted,

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND ENVIRONMENT JUSTICE COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
MARTINEZ:	YES
KORETZ:	ABSENT
KREKORIAN:	YES
CEDILLIO:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES

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