



CITY of CALABASAS

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: JUNE 13, 2023

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

**FROM: PHILIP LANZAFAME, INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
TATIANA HOLDEN, P.E., DEPUTY PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CALABASAS AND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND 19 AGENCIES REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATION AND COST SHARING FOR IMPLEMENTING THE COORDINATED INTEGRATED MONITORING PROGRAM AND WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE UPPER LOS ANGELES RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AREA

**MEETING
DATE: JUNE 28, 2023**

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council approve the Memorandum of Agreement Between the City of Calabasas and San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments and 19 Agencies Regarding the Administration and Cost Sharing for Implementing the Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program (CIMP) and Watershed Management Plan (WMP) for the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Management Area (ULAR WMA).

BACKGROUND:

On November 8, 2012, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) adopted Order R4-2012-0175, the Municipal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems Permit (MS4 Permit), which became effective on December 28, 2012. This MS4 Permit incorporated 33 Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and incentives for permittees willing to work cooperatively with

other agencies in watershed efforts. The 2021 MS4 Permit became effective on September 11, 2021, superseding the 2012 MS4 Permit.

On December 2, 2013, the City Council approved participation in the Upper Los Angeles River Enhanced Watershed Management Plan Group (ULAR Group) and authorized the City's participation in the development of a WMP and the associated CIMP. On August 5, 2015, the Regional Board approved the CIMP. Per the requirements of the 2021 MS4 Permit, a revised CIMP was submitted to the Regional Board on March 13, 2023 and is pending approval.

On April 20, 2016, the Regional Board approved the EWMP. Per the requirements of the 2021 MS4 Permit, a revised WMP was submitted to the Regional Board on June 28, 2021 and received a conditional approval on May 1, 2023.

In 2016, the City of Calabasas, and 18 other agencies entered into an agreement with the City of Los Angeles for the administration and cost sharing for the implementation of the CIMP for the ULAR Group. This agreement was set to expire on June 30, 2018. On May 23, 2018, the City of Calabasas, and 18 other agencies entered into an MOA with the City of Los Angeles for the administration and cost sharing for the implementation of the CIMP for the ULAR Group. The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) was utilized for the contracting services and financial management of the MOA, as it provided various program efficiencies. This MOA will expire on June 30, 2023.

DISCUSSION:

The established cost sharing agreement has worked well. The proposed MOA is being presented to continue the administration and establish the cost share based on services used by each member of the Group. The SGVCOG will continue to manage the financial and contracting obligations of this MOA for an annual fee, included in the cost sharing of the MOA. Cost sharing will continue to be based off of land area percentage in the ULAR WMA; the City of Calabasas's land area percentage is 1.29%.

The City of Los Angeles has performed monitoring and WMP activities within the Los Angeles River Watershed for the last four years under the terms of the expiring MOA and proposes to continue to perform the monitoring and WMP services for the three (3) three-year term of the new MOA, which is through the fiscal year 2025-26.

FISCAL IMPACT/SOURCE OF FUNDING:

The City's total cost to implement the CIMP will be approximately \$64,755 for the three-year term of the agreement. The below table demonstrates the fiscal year budget impact, as set forth in Exhibit B Table 1 of Attachment A.

Fiscal Year	ULAR MOA Cost Share
FY 23/24	\$20,731
FY 24/25	\$20,070
FY 25/26	\$23,954
TOTAL	\$64,755

The City receives an estimated \$390,000 annually of Measure W municipal funding. Measure W guidelines allow the City to use as much as 30% of its municipal return monies on existing water quality projects or programs. The City's annual cost to implement the subject MOA could be paid in whole, or in part, by the municipal return.

REQUESTED ACTION:

That the City Council approve the MOA regarding the administration and cost sharing for implementing the Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program (CIMP) and Watershed Management Plan (WMP) in the amount of \$64,755 for the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Management Area.

ATTACHMENT:

Attachment A: Memorandum of Agreement