



CC Regular Meeting

AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Meeting:	September 17, 2024
Title:	Approval of the Transfer Agreement between Los Angeles County Flood Control District and City of Covina for the Safe, Clean Water Municipal Program
Presented by:	Rafael Fajardo, Interim Director of Public Works
Recommendation:	Adopt Resolution CC 2024-84 authorizing the City Manager to enter into the Transfer Agreement between Los Angeles County Flood Control District and City of Covina for the Safe, Clean Water Municipal Program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

In November 2018, Measure W was passed by Los Angeles County voters. Also known as the Safe, Clean Water ballot measure, Measure W generates funding for the implementation of activities that increase storm water capture and reduce storm water pollution. The first annual parcel tax was collected by LA County for FY 2019-20.

Safe, Clean Water (SCW) Program funds are distributed by LA County as follows: Ten percent (10%) to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) to fund County-wide education programs as well as administration of the program; fifty percent (50%) to the nine watershed areas to fund regional multi-benefit projects; and forty percent (40%) to municipalities within the LACFCD. Out of the 40% due to municipalities, Covina's share has been approximately \$730,000 per year.

In order for LA County to disburse the 40% that is due to municipalities, each city must execute a Transfer Agreement with LACFCD. The existing Transfer Agreement between the City and LACFCD covered the first four years of the SCW Program. The proposed subsequent Transfer Agreement will cover the next four years, specifically FY 2024-25 through FY 2027-28.

Upon execution of the Transfer Agreement (Attachment A), LACFCD will annually disburse the City's SCW Program payment. Based on the revenue collected from Covina parcels, it is anticipated the City should receive approximately \$730,000 annually to offset storm water related expenses.

DISCUSSION:

The SCW Program collects a special parcel tax of 2.5 cents per square foot of impermeable surface areas on private property within the LACFCD.

SCW Program funds, in accordance with program guidelines, may be used by cities to offset allowable storm water pollution prevention expenditures. In addition, cities must file annual reports and annual plans, hold funds in a separate interest-bearing account, and conduct an audit every three years to be posted on the LACFCD's publicly accessible website.

Since inception of the SCW Program, Covina has been able to use Program funds to pay for routine street sweeping, catch basin cleaning, storm water education and outreach, waterway testing, and related administration. The SCW Program has also funded select capital improvements such as catch basin debris screens, and the installation of roadway bioswales to reduce urban runoff pollution.

Resolution CC 2024-84 (Attachment B) authorizes the City Manager to execute the Transfer Agreement between the City of Covina and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District for the Safe, Clean Water Municipal Program. Upon full execution of the Transfer Agreement, LA County will disperse the respective payments to the City for FY 2024-25 through FY 2027-28.

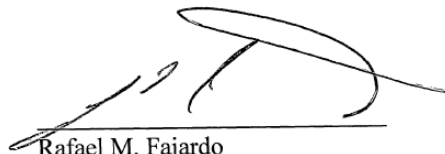
FISCAL IMPACT:

Execution of the proposed Transfer Agreement will allow the City of Covina to receive approximately \$730,000 annually in available Safe, Clean Water Municipal Program funds from LA County's Measure W. There are no impacts to the General Fund.

CEQA (CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT):

The action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rafael M. Fajardo', written over a horizontal line.

Rafael M. Fajardo
Interim Director of Public Works/City Engineer