

STAFF REPORT

Date: June 14, 2023

To: Mayor and City Council

Thru: Doug Thornley, City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of the Twelfth Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC) to fund the Truckee Meadows Storm Water Quality Management Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 24 in the amount of \$262,500. (Sewer Fund, with 100% Reimbursement from WRWC funding for Storm Water Program)

From: Theresa Jones, Senior Civil Engineer

Department: Utility Services

Summary:

The Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC) approved funding for the Truckee Meadows Storm Water Permit Coordinating Committee (SWPCC) Fiscal Year (FY) 24 budget for administering the Truckee Meadows Storm Water Quality Management Program (SWMP) as managed by the City of Reno (Utility Services). The SWMP outlines management measures pertaining to water quality required by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP). This Amendment to the Agreement will provide a \$262,500 reimbursement to the City of Reno for administering the Stormwater program in FY 24. Staff recommends Council approve the Twelfth Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with the Western Regional Water Commission in the amount of \$262,500 to fund the Truckee Meadows Storm Water Quality Management Program for Fiscal Year 24

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Infrastructure, Climate Change, and Environmental Sustainability

Previous Council Action:

July 20, 2022 - Council approved the Eleventh Amendment to the ILA with the Western Regional Water Commission to fund the Truckee Meadows Storm Water Quality Management Program for FY 23 in the amount of \$262,500. The original ILA, and each previous annual amendment to the ILA, have been approved by Council in the amount of \$262,500.

Background:

In 1990, NDEP identified the City of Reno, the City of Sparks and Washoe County as an urbanized area subject to federal Clean Water Act Phase 1 stormwater management requirements. NDEP issued a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the Truckee Meadows with Reno, Sparks and Washoe County as co-permittees. Management measures to maintain and improve the quality of stormwater discharges to the Truckee River and its tributaries are required by the NPDES permit. To manage the multiple agency permit, the agreement regarding National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Storm Water Permit Implementation (Storm Water Interlocal Agreement), was developed and executed among the parties in 1990 and amended in 2004. The ILA established the SWPCC and outlined the intergovernmental responsibilities, including cost-sharing to implement the requirements of the NPDES permit. Two representatives from each permitted agency staff the SWPCC, with the City of Reno serving as lead agency on the permit. Consultant and Interlocal agreements are approved and managed by the City of Reno.

Discussion:

In accordance with the existing ILA, the SWPCC has the responsibility to prepare an annual work program and budget. On May 18, 2023, the WRWC approved an amount not to exceed \$262,500 for FY 24 budget expenditures related to the implementation of the Truckee Meadows SWMP. Accepting this funding from WRWC will continue the stormwater program.

Financial Implications:

The City has budgeted \$262,500 for administering the stormwater program from the Sewer Fund. With this funding, the City will continue to be fully reimbursed by the WRWC for program related expenses up to \$262,500.

Legal Implications:

Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada law.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council approve the Twelfth Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with the Western Regional Water Commission in the amount of \$262,500 to fund the Truckee Meadows Storm Water Quality Management Program for Fiscal Year 24, and authorize the Mayor to sign.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments:

2011 Interlocal Agreement with Western Regional Water Commission - WRWC SW Orig ILA 2011 12 (PDF)

Twelfth Amendment to Interlocal Agreement with Western Regional Water Commision – FY24
Twelfth Amendment ILA COR SWPCC-Final Draft (1) (PDF)