



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Jeff Hart, Public Works Director
DATE: October 4, 2022
SUBJECT: Approve Amendment No. 3 to the TMDL Task Force Agreement

Background and Analysis:

The Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board designates Lake Elsinore as an impaired water body due to high levels of algae, phosphorus, and nitrogen. The federal Clean Water Act requires that total maximum daily loads (TMDL's) be established for this water body. The local watershed basin plan implemented by the Regional Board requires specific stake holders (task force agencies) to develop water monitoring programs to help improve regional water quality and reduce impacts to Lake Elsinore.

A task force agreement was approved in 2012 and signed by all participating task force agencies including the City of Beaumont. The purpose of this task force agreement is to allow the task force agencies to work together to implement the regional water quality requirements established by Water Quality Control Board. The TMDL Task Force holds regular meetings with the task force agencies and allocates budgets to the individual task force agencies.

The original TMDL Task Force agreement was set to expire in 2017. Two previous amendments to the agreement extended the term until 2022. A third amendment to the TMDL task force agreement is now proposed to extend the agreement until 2025. Extending the agreement will allow the City of Beaumont and other TMDL Task Force agencies to continue working together to implement the regional water quality program for the Lake Elsinore watershed.

Fiscal Impact:

The cost to prepare the staff report is approximately \$250.

The draft budget for the TMDL Task Force for FY2022-23 is \$32,082. Similar budgets will be established each funding year until the TMDL Task Force Agreement expires.

Recommended Action:

Approve Amendment No. 3 to the TMDL Task Force agreement.

Attachments:

- A. Amendment #3 – TMDL Task Force Agreement
- B. TMDL Task Force Agreement & Amendments 1 & 2
- C. Draft TMDL Task Force Budget (FY22-23)