



STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Discussion of the Lake County Sanitation District's Southeast Regional Wastewater System and Operations within the City of Clearlake

MEETING DATE: Mar. 21, 2024

SUBMITTED BY: Alan D. Flora, City Manager

PURPOSE OF REPORT: Information only Discussion Action Item

WHAT IS BEING ASKED OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The City Council is being asked to discuss the Southeast Regional Treatment System and operations within the City.

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:

When the City of Clearlake was incorporated in 1980, most of the existing infrastructure was already in place as the areas of Clearlake Highlands and Clearlake Park had developed as unincorporated areas of the county. The City is in a somewhat unusual situation as a municipality that controls no utilities. This makes coordination of the City's land use authority and orderly development difficult. This has been a significant concern with the three separate water districts for some time and more recently with the sewer service in the City, provided through the Southeast Regional Treatment System, operated by Lake County Special Districts.

There are various ways the City can work more directly with Lake County Special Districts related to sewer service within its jurisdiction. One direct way is being involved with the governance of Special Districts, and specifically the Lake County Sanitation District, which is the legal entity that provides sewer collection and treatment services to the Clearlake area and other areas throughout the county. Under the Health and Safety Code (Section 4730), upon the City's incorporation the City is obligated to be involved in the governance of the District, unless that authority was delegated to the Board of Directors (which the Directors currently sit as the Board of Supervisors). After some apparent discussion the City Council indeed did delegate that authority in 1983 to the Board of Directors. The Council could request the City be involved in governance at this time or perhaps there is another method of being involved in planning and decision making of the sewer districts operations in the City.

OPTIONS:

1. Adopt Resolution 2024-16 and Authorize the Mayor to sign.
2. Provide Direction to Staff.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None \$ Budgeted Item? Yes No

Budget Adjustment Needed? Yes No If yes, amount of appropriation increase: \$

Affected fund(s): General Fund Measure P Fund Measure V Fund Other:

Comments:

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

- Goal #1: Make Clearlake a Visibly Cleaner City
- Goal #2: Make Clearlake a Statistically Safer City
- Goal #3: Improve the Quality of Life in Clearlake with Improved Public Facilities
- Goal #4: Improve the Image of Clearlake
- Goal #5: Ensure Fiscal Sustainability of City
- Goal #6: Update Policies and Procedures to Current Government Standards
- Goal #7: Support Economic Development

SUGGESTED MOTIONS:

Attachment:

1. **Resolution 2024-16**
2. **Resolution 83-22**