



STAFF REPORT
7/23/2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Andrew Simmons, P.E., Public Works Director/City Engineer

SUBJECT: Agreement with Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) to protect and construct CVWD facilities as a result of the Construction of a new Bridge over Whitewater Channel at Avenue 50, City Project ST-69.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute an Agreement with Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) to protect and construct CVWD facilities as a result of the Construction of a new Bridge over Whitewater Channel at Avenue 50, City Project ST-69 , subject to reasonable and acceptable minor modifications by CVWD and as approval to form by City Attorney.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

The Avenue 50 Bridge Project improvements include realignment and widening of Avenue 50 from the existing two-lane roadway to a six-lane major arterial, and realignment of Tyler Street. The project will also improve public safety and mobility by constructing a new bridge spanning over the Whitewater Channel, replacing the existing low water crossing and eliminating flood-related hazards during inclement weather events.

A cooperative agreement between the City and CVWD is required prior to the issuance of right-of-way certification from the Department of Transportation. As part of these improvements, existing CVWD stormwater and irrigation facilities within the right-of-way are required to be modified or constructed. CVWD has agreed to accommodate the City's project and provide the necessary permitting and City has agreed to the project improvements as listed in the agreement. The City will construct these improvements with the construction of the bridge and these costs have been accounted for in the overall construction budget.

Once the construction has been completed, the agreement outlines which facilities are to be maintained by the City and which facilities are to be maintained by CVWD. City staff is recommending Council authorize City Manager to execute this agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact or additional appropriations needed. The cost associated with the Utility agreement is included in the FY 25/26 CIP budget for the construction of the Avenue 50 Bridge Project, ST-69.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Cooperative Agreement