



STAFF REPORT
2/9/2022

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Cástulo R. Estrada, Utilities Manager

SUBJECT: Resolution 2022-19 Approving The Creation and Funding for a Full-Time Assistant Engineer (Utilities) Position and Eliminating The Position Approved by Resolution No. 2021-51

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve Resolution No. 2022-19 approving and funding a full-time Assistant Engineer (Utilities) Position that will focus on water and wastewater tasks.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, the City has more than 12 million dollars in Utility related projects programmed into the Capital Improvement Program. In The past, the Utilities department had a separate devoted staff member that helped coordination efforts to advance and deliver these Utility projects. Looking forward, City Staff anticipate increased funding opportunities for utility related projects due to increased Federal and State infrastructure funding and Economic Stimulus funding. City Staff also anticipate increased demand to advance and deliver utility projects in association with projected growth. Therefore, in order to place the Utility department in the best position to respond to growing grant opportunities, manage multiple projects and serve the citizenry with future development projects, a new Assistant Engineer (Utilities) specifically assigned to the Water and Sanitation areas is needed. This position will place the Utility department in an advantageous position to take advantage of all federal and state funding resources while better serving our community.

The Assistant Engineer (Utilities) position falls under Sanitary/Miscellaneous Employees and would report to the Utilities Manager. This position would be added to the approved organizational structure and is currently included in the City's approved salary schedule, with a Pay Grade 21 annually.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for this position has been appropriated by Resolution No. 2021-51. No additional fiscal impact is anticipated.