



Folsom City Council Staff Report

MEETING DATE:	8/25/2020
AGENDA SECTION:	New Business
SUBJECT:	City Council Discussion and Recommendation on an Ad-Hoc Committee for a Regional Water Collaboration Study and Direction to Staff
FROM:	Environmental and Water Resources Department

RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION

Staff recommends the City Council discuss participation on an Ad-Hoc Committee for a Regional Water Collaboration Study and provide direction to staff.

BACKGROUND / ISSUE

The Sacramento Regional Water Utility Collaboration Study (Study) is a partnership between Carmichael Water District (CWD), Citrus Heights Water District (CHWD), the City of Folsom Environmental & Water Resources Department (City), Del Paso Manor Water District (DPMWD), Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District (RLECWD), Sacramento Suburban Water District (SSWD), and San Juan Water District SJWD (together “the participating agencies”) to identify opportunities for increased collaboration. The goal of these collaborative efforts is to help control costs, increase efficiency, and improve service provision to customers. Identifying these opportunities is essential not only for the continued success of the individual entities, but for the long-term prosperity of the entire region. Increasing costs of living, evolving regulations, and increased competition for scarce water resources across the state mean that agencies must work together, more seamlessly and regionally, to provide reliable and affordable services.

POLICY / RULE

Each participating agency may recommend staff or elected officials serve on the Ad-Hoc Committee, with no more than two elected officials from an agency. As an Ad-Hoc Committee

member, each member will be provided with draft copies of any reports and will also have the opportunity to attend any of the meetings where information is presented.

ANALYSIS

The participating agencies developed a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Sacramento Region Water Utility Collaboration/Integration Study (Study). As part of the analysis, the intent of the selected consultant is to identify opportunities for coordinating or integrating policies, programs, services, projects and activities to create efficiencies, improve results and achieve an overall cost benefit to the participating agencies' customers. The Scope of Work is intended to determine a range of alternatives, which include potential integration of selected projects, programs and services, up to and including integration or consolidation of two or more of the participating agencies into a single organization. In December 2019, five consulting firms responded to the RFP. Of the five consulting firms, four were selected to be interviewed on December 17, 2019 by the General Managers of the participating agencies. Upon conclusion of the interviews, the panel unanimously recommended selected the Rafetelis/Tully & Young team (RTY).

Upon completion of various tasks, the RTY team will present their findings to an Ad-Hoc Committee made up of representatives from each of the participating agencies. After the presentation of the materials, or prior to, the RTY team will develop written draft reports detailing the information collected, analysis conducted and any results and recommendations.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total cost for the project is \$200,000 split between the seven participating agencies. The City's cost share of the study is \$33,000. In April 2020 the City entered into a Memorandum of Understanding for a Sacramento Regional Water Utility Collaboration/Integration Study.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

In accordance with the Guidelines for California Environmental Quality Act, Article 19, Section 15306, preparing the Sacramento Regional Water Collaboration Study is Categorically Exempt since it consists of basic data collection, research, and resource evaluation activities that do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

Submitted,

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