



TO: FRUITA CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR

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DATE: May 21, 2024

AGENDA TEXT: RESOLUTION 2024 - 16 – A Request to Approve a Resolution Amending the 2024 Budget and Transferring Funds from the General Fund Contingency Account for Sampling Costs Associated with The Total Maximum Daily Load Assessment for the Colorado River.

BACKGROUND

At the last regular meeting, Mesa County Regulatory Programs Manager Carrie Gudorf presented an update to the City Council on the Total Daily Maximum Load (TMDL) requirements in the Adobe Creek and Leach Creek. A copy of that presentation is included as an attachment to this cover sheet.

For the past several years, the City of Fruita has been partners with Mesa County and all other municipalities in the County on TMDL efforts (stakeholders). A TMDL is an allocation of allowable pollutant loading among different pollutant sources so that targets can be established resulting in water quality standards being achieved in the applicable receiving water. In 2022 and 2023, the United States Geological Survey (USGS) collected water-quality samples to characterize E. coli concentrations and loads as well as sources of other bacteria in Adobe Creek and Leach Creek. As was presented by Mesa County, additional sampling is needed in May through December of this year to provide comparisons to previous results and potentially reduce loads and comply with the TMDL requirements.

The cost to complete additional sampling for this year is \$105,000. The Grand Valley TMDL Stakeholders are contributing \$85,000 for the sampling with the USGS providing \$20,000 in matching funds. Mesa County has requested that the City of Fruita contribute 10% of the \$85,000 share of the sampling. This budget amendment transfers \$8,500 from the General Fund Contingency Account to the Stormwater Line Item (both in the non-departmental program of the General Fund) to help share the cost to collect water samples to the two tributaries to the Colorado River. Funds were not included in the 2024 Budget as it was not known how much additional sampling would cost and so that the Council could appropriate funds after hearing an update from Mesa County. Additionally, the City of Fruita has been cost sharing in legal expenses related to the TMDL process and appeal. Those funds were budgeted separately in the legal program.

FISCAL IMPACT

- The General Fund Contingency Account of \$253,000 will be reduced by \$8,500 to \$244,500. The purpose of these funds is to allow for the City Council to transfer funds for any expenses that are unanticipated or unexpected throughout the year, and this project meets this definition.

APPLICABILITY TO CITY COUNCIL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The contingency transfer includes necessary costs for the provision of core services and goals identified by the City Council.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COUNCIL

- Approve the budget amendment as presented.
- Advise staff to amend the budget amendment and bring it back at a future date.

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of staff that the Council by motion:

- **ADOPT RESOLUTION 2024-16 – AMENDING THE 2024 BUDGET AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO THE STORMWATER ACCOUNT FOR SAMPLING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD ASSESSMENT FOR THE COLORADO RIVER.**