



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 08/20/2019

ITEM NO: 6

DATE: August 14, 2019
TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Laurel Prevetti, Town Manager
SUBJECT: Adopt a Resolution approving the Town's Green Stormwater Infrastructure Plan to Demonstrate a Long-term Commitment to the Implementation of Green Stormwater Infrastructure Facilities in the Town, as Required by the Town's Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit (MRP)

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution approving the Town's Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) Plan to demonstrate a long-term commitment to the implementation of Green Stormwater Infrastructure facilities in the Town, as required by the Town's Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit (MRP).

BACKGROUND:

California cities are required to meet the State's Clean Water Program permit requirements. Each city in Santa Clara County participates as a permittee member of the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program (SCVRPPP) and must comply with the requirements established by the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Board). One of these requirements is Provision C.3.j, which requires the Town to develop and implement a long-term Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) Plan for the inclusion of "Low Impact Development" (LID) measures, including site design, pollutant source control, stormwater treatment, and flow control features into storm drain infrastructure on public and private lands, including streets, roads, storm drains, parking lots, building roofs, and other elements.

The GSI Plan is the result of a coordination effort led by the West Valley Clean Water Authority (WVCWA) JPA to assist in the preparation of the Plan for the West Valley communities of Los Gatos, Campbell, Saratoga, and Monte Sereno. Together, the four municipalities partnered with EOA, Inc. to prepare their respective plans. EOA is the Town's stormwater peer review

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BACKGROUND (continued):

consultant and develops documents, standards, guidelines and handbooks on behalf of all Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program (SCVURPPP) permittees.

The GSI Plan must be completed and submitted to the Board by September 30, 2019 and must describe the jurisdiction's goals, targets, and priorities, and identify the resources needed for implementing GSI into projects over a 20-year time frame (2020 to 2040). The precursor to this plan was the Green Infrastructure Plan Framework, a workplan that guided the Town in the development of the Plan that the Town Council authorized the Town Manager to execute on June 20, 2017.

DISCUSSION:

GSI provides for the filtering and cleaning of stormwater runoff through the construction of infrastructure, such as biotreatment, rainwater harvesting, and pervious pavement. The GSI Plan includes a project identification and prioritization mechanism to assist in identifying projects within which these measures, elements, and features should be included, and which can then be incorporated into a municipality's long-term planning and capital improvement processes. As a result, local jurisdictions will need to include the additional infrastructure in improvement projects and maintain that infrastructure over time. These improvements will necessitate increased scope on many capital projects and will likely increase the cost of these projects. At this point, no additional funding is anticipated for these elements.

It should be noted that many private projects already include these elements through compliance with section C3 of the Stormwater Permit.

CONCLUSION:

Approval will allow for continued progress in compliance with the Town's stormwater permit.

COORDINATION:

This report has been coordinated with the West Valley Clean Water Program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact from this action.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

This is not a project defined under CEQA, and no further action is required.

Attachments:

1. Resolution to approve the Town's Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) Plan
2. Draft Green Stormwater Infrastructure Plan