



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Hunsaker & City Council Members

From: Norm Beagley, P.E., Assistant City Manager

Date: February 12, 2021

Re: NRCS Funding Increase for Debris Basin Final Design

Mayor and Council,

As you know, in late 2017, Santaquin City received an award from USDA-NRCS in the amount of \$370,000.00 for the Supplemental Environmental Assessment (EA) work on the east bench. The EA for the east side watersheds and debris basins was completed in late 2019. The EA report and the included preferred alternatives from the EA (east side debris basins) were approved by national NRCS in 2020.

It is now time for this project to move into the final design stage for the debris basins planned on the east bench. These debris basins will help protect homes, businesses, and city infrastructure on the east bench from high runoff volumes and potential debris flows.

For your information, the current funding contract between Santaquin City & NRCS amount is \$370,000.00. NRCS proposes to increase the funding amount to \$1,528,125.00. This funding increase is a result of the recent (10-7-2020) USDA approval for \$9,104,800.00 in funding for final design and future construction of the debris basins.

With this additional NRCS funding, there will be sufficient funding to fully cover 100% of the final design for the east bench debris basins identified in the EA report. For this portion of the project (Final Design) the City is not responsible for any of the project costs. The USDA-NRCS funding completely covers this work.

I have reviewed the proposed funding increase with the staff at USDA-NRCS. They, as well as City staff, are comfortable with the proposed funding increase to cover the final design of the east bench debris basins.

As a reminder, any future property acquisition needed for these debris basins is not funded by any NRCS federal funds. All property acquisition is the responsibility of Santaquin City. We will not fully know the exact property locations, sizes, and therefore, costs, until the final design is complete.

Recommended Motion: Motion to approve the proposed NRCS funding increase for the final design for the east side debris basins in an amount of \$1,528,125.00.