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To: City Council
From: Leana Kinley, City Administrator
RE: Extension of Services
Meeting Date: March 27, 2021

Executive Summary:

There are two city codes regarding the extension of city services (water and sewer utilities) past city limits. City Hall routinely receives inquiries on water service outside city limits, towards the top of Kanaka Creek Rd., in late summer and into the fall due to inadequate well supply. With increased demand for housing, the ability to supply water to the urban growth area outside city limits will allow for increased development. However, the existing infrastructure needs maintenance to ensure adequate supply in an efficient manner (less leaks).

Overview:

The two city codes restricting the extension of services were established in 1976 for sewer (SMC 13.04.060) and 1981 for water (SMC 13.16.040). Due to these codes, the only way to have city service if you are not currently connected is to annex into the city. This practice encourages annexation into the city.

This practice also keeps the focus of infrastructure on current system maintenance needs and extensions within city limits. Current water system needs, without extensions, add up to an estimated \$3.4M. The wastewater system needs, without extensions adds up to \$14.6M. Extensions along Loop Rd. up Frank Johns, along Iman Cemetery Rd and along Foster Creek/Ryan Allen add up to \$3.9M.

The cost to extend water up Kanaka Creek Rd. to Baker Rd. is an estimated \$4.1M according to our 2017 Water System Plan (WSP). Extensions suggested in the WSP include SR-14 East, SR-14 West, Maple Way-Loop East and Maple-Way-Loop West total \$3.6M and contain areas both in and out of city limits.

The discussion is around facilitating additional development in the area with increased services by allowing extension of city services outside city limits, and if so, under what conditions. Or maintaining the current system and expanding within city limits to maximize development within the city prior to expanding outside city limits.

Action Needed:

None at this time, discussion only.