



Council Agenda Item

Meeting Date: November 21, 2023

Agenda Item: 3M Class Action Settlement

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BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

The City has received notice regarding a proposed Class Action Settlement with 3M regarding contamination of PFAS in drinking water. The City has a deadline of December 11, 2023 to either Opt-In or Opt-Out of the Settlement. The City's recent testing of the drinking water resulted in a No-Detect for PFAS. Based on this, the only thing the City might receive money for if the City Opt's-In is future testing. If the City Opt's-Out, the City reserves the right in the future to go after 3M if PFAS becomes a problem.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

By Opting-Out, the City reserves its right to go after 3M in the future if a PFAS problem arises.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff have been in contact with Municipal Environmental Group (MEG) which the city is a member, sat in on webinars, attended conferences, been in contact with other municipalities, and consulted the City Attorney in order to make a recommendation. Based on our No-Detect for PFAS, staff's recommendation is to Opt-Out of the Settlement.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

1. 3M Class Action Settlement