



CITY OF POMONA

COUNCIL REPORT

September 11, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: James Makshanoff, City Manager

Submitted By: Rene Guerrero, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 OPERATING BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING \$61,484 FROM REFUSE FUND RESERVES FOR ANNUAL LOS ANGELES REGIONAL AGENCY (LARA) MEMBERSHIP FEES

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-152 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FY 2023-24 OPERATING BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING \$61,484 FROM AVAILABLE RESERVES WITHIN THE REFUSE FUND AND TRANSFERING AND APPROPRIATING THE SAME AMOUNT TO THE REFUSE ADMINISTRATION FUND FOR ANNUAL LOS ANGELES REGIONAL AGENCY (LARA) MEMBERSHIP FEES; and

- 2) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to authorize payment for the annual membership fees in the amount of \$61,484 to LARA on behalf of the City.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-152 (Attachment No. 1) will appropriate \$61,484 of available reserves within the Refuse Fund to pay for the annual Los Angeles Regional Agency (LARA) membership fees. This action allows the City to continue its membership with LARA, a coalition of cities that work together to achieve compliance with solid waste regulations. The City has been an active member of LARA since October 2002.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Approval of this action will result in appropriating \$61,484 of Refuse Fund (582-2510-89903-00000) reserves being transferred and appropriated to the Refuse Administration Fund Refuse Administration Fund (145-2505-80722-00000/145-2505-52299-00000).

PREVIOUS RELATED ACTION:

On October 21, 2002, the City Council approved the Joint Powers Agreement with the Los Angeles Area Integrated Waste Management Authority in order to form the Los Angeles Area Regional Agency (LARA). On June 5, 2023, the City Council approved the amended and restated Joint Powers Agreement with the Los Angeles Regional Agency (LARA).

DISCUSSION:

LARA is a consortium of eighteen (18) member cities in Los Angeles County. The agency was formed with Charter Cities, including the City of Pomona in 2002. In 2004, California's Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) approved the formation of LARA as the Los Angeles Area Integrated Waste Management Authority.

LARA works with its members to ensure that the City meets and exceeds the waste diversion mandates set by State Assembly Bill 939. The Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939) mandated the City to divert at least 50% of its waste stream away from landfills through waste reduction, recycling, or other means.

The intent of continuing membership authorizes LARA to assist the City in complying with state mandates and report to the State on behalf of the City information related to compliance on waste reduction and overall diversion goals set by AB 939, AB 341, AB 1826, and now, SB 1383.

Staff is recommending that the City Council adopt a resolution amending the FY2023-24 operating budget and appropriate funds under Refuse Administration Fund to pay the annual membership fees to LARA.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment No. 1 – Resolution No. 2023-152