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# CITY OF POMONA

## COUNCIL REPORT

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February 24, 2020

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: James Makshanoff, City Manager

Submitted By: Robert DeLoach, Interim Water Resources Director

**SUBJECT: APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMONA AND THREE VALLEYS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT TO COLLABORATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT A REGIONAL URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

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

- 1) Direct staff to collaborate with the Three Valleys Municipal Water District (TVMWD) and partnering agencies to develop a 2020 Regional Urban Water Management Plan (RUWMP);
- 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute a MOU with TVMWD in support of completing the 2020 RUWMP (Attachment No.1).

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Urban Water Management Plans (UWMP) are required by the State to be prepared by water purveyors every five years to ensure an appropriate level of water service reliability is sufficient to meet the needs of its customers during normal, single or multiple dry years. Staff is seeking approval to participate in the RUWMP as this is a cost effective alternative to completing the document with a City consultant and it ensures assumptions made by other water agencies operating within the basin are in line with the City assumptions.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The estimated budget cost for the creation of a City UWMP is approximately \$65,000, however, by collaborating with TVMWD and its membered agencies, staff estimates that by cost sharing the completion of a regional document, cost will likely not exceed \$20,000. Staff anticipates starting the RUWMP in the next few months, within FY 19/20. Funding for the proposed action is available in FY 2019-20 Water Operating budget (571-8122-52285-00000). The RUWMP will be completed in FY 2020-21. Funding for the remaining balance will be proposed in the FY 2020-21 Water Operating budget as part of the City's budget process.

**PREVIOUS RELATED ACTION:**

None.

**DISCUSSION:**

Every five years the City is required to create an UWMP in accordance with the California Urban Water Management Planning Act (Act). The Act states that every urban water supplier that provides water to 3,000 or more customers, or that provides over 3,000 acre-feet of water annually, should make every effort to ensure an appropriate level of reliability in its water service sufficient to meet the needs of its various categories of customers during normal, dry, and multiple dry years. The UWMP must ultimately be adopted by Council and submitted to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR).

This year, at the request of the City, three TVMWD offered water agencies located within the TVMWD service area the opportunity to participate in a regional plan in place of completing their own plan. The regional approach will provide benefits to the agencies, as it will better coordinate the assumptions for water usage and basin impacts. In addition, the regional approach allows for cost sharing, as individual agencies will not be performing duplicative efforts to complete the required sections of the UWMP.

Participating water agencies have all agreed TVMWD should assume the role of the lead agency and oversee the administrative functions for this project as they are the water wholesaler within their service area, which covers the City of Pomona, Walnut and the East San Gabriel Valley. To complete this project TVMWM will issue a request for a proposal (RFP) to seek a qualified consultant. Collaborating efforts will allow the compilation of information to be expedited in order to complete the RUWMP.

The budgeted cost for the creation of 2020 RUWMP is approximately \$65,000 and based on the participation and the option chosen by the participating agencies, Pomona's cost will likely not exceed \$20,000.

The RUWMP will be completed in accordance the Act guidelines, which have yet to be released by the State. Once completed, the RUWMP will be a valuable tool in planning the next five years of water use demands.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The City Council may decide to hire its own consultant to complete the UWMP, however this approach will likely be more costly and will not benefit from the regional approach and other benefits described above.

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**ATTACHMENT:**

Attachment No. 1 – MOU with TVMWD