



DATE: September 29, 2017

TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council

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SUBJECT: LEVEE PROTECTION PLANNING AND IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
(CIP 301-657): ALL-HANDS ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY MEETING

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council of the City of Foster City receive an update to the Levee Protection Planning and Improvements Project (Levee Improvements). This All-Hands Environmental Agency meeting is intended to bring the City Council, County, State, and Federal governmental and environmental agencies together to provide an update on the Levee Improvements Project and receive comments for further development of the project design.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The proposed Levee Improvements Project is progressing. To date, the following major project milestones have been reached:

1. The Final Environmental Impact Report was certified by the City Council on May 8, 2017, adopting CEQA Findings, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) for the project. The MMRP requirements will be incorporated into the final project design.
2. On May 8, 2017, the City Council directed staff to further develop and analyze 2050 Sea Level Rise and Future Adaptation Strategy design variation for submittal to regulatory agencies for processing.

3. Schaaf and Wheeler Consulting Civil Engineers and the project design team have completed 60% construction plans. They will continue to refine the documents for submittal to the environmental regulatory agencies later in the year for preliminary review.
4. On May 8, 2017, the City Council directed staff to proceed with the 30-year General Obligation Bond (GOB) financing alternative. The Finance Department is working with the financial consultants, bond counsel, and City Attorney to prepare legal documents for the ballot measure and thereafter the issuance of the bonds.
5. On July 17, 2017, the City Council directed staff to conduct a poll of Foster City residents on the GOB measure. The polling was conducted in August 2017, and the Communications/City Clerk Department presented the results at the September 18, 2017 meeting. The GOB measure is being prepared for the June 5, 2018 ballot.

NEXT STEPS

- Community Outreach (September 2017 – March 2018)
- Prepare Ballot Measure for June 5, 2018 Election
- Submit Preliminary Construction Documents to Regulatory Agencies for Review
- Complete Final Construction Documents
- Obtain Regulatory Permits and Authorizations
- Bidding and Construction