



Staff Report

File #: 22-0941

**REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL AND
CORONA UTILITY AUTHORITY ACTION**

DATE: 12/07/2022

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
Honorable President and Board Members

FROM: Utilities Department

SUBJECT:
Purchase of pipeline cell in River Road Bridge from Western Municipal Water District.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This staff report asks Council to approve an agreement between Western Municipal Water District (WMWD) and the City of Corona for the purchase of a 20-inch pipeline cell in the River Road Bridge in the amount of \$580,000. This pipeline allows the City to continue with the construction of the reclaimed water pipeline from the Western Riverside County Regional Wastewater Authority (WRCRWA) to the City of Corona.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the:

- a. City Council approve an Agreement By and Between the City of Corona and Western Municipal Water District for the Sale of a 20-Inch Water Pipeline in the River Road Bridge for the Beneficial Use of Recycled Water from the Western Riverside County Regional Wastewater Authority.
- b. City Council authorize a one-time payment of \$580,000 to Western Municipal Water District.
- c. City Council authorize an appropriation of an expenditure and an offsetting revenue in the amount of \$145,000 from the Water Utility Grant/Agreement Fund 571 to the Title XVI funded WRCRWA Reclaimed Waterline Project #69710571 and authorize an appropriation of \$435,000 from the Reclaimed Water Utility Fund 567 to the WRCRWA Reclaimed Waterline Project #69710567.

- d. Corona Utility Authority review, ratify, and to the extent necessary, direct that the City Council take the above actions.

BACKGROUND & HISTORY:

On September 7, 2022, the City Council approved a construction contract with Ferreira Coastal Construction Company for the construction of the Western Riverside County Regional Wastewater Authority (WRCRWA) Reclaimed Waterline, which will bring reclaimed water from the WRCRWA wastewater plant into the City of Corona's reclaimed water distribution system. The alignment for this pipeline crosses the Santa Ana River at the River Road Bridge. The City does not currently own a pipeline cell in the bridge.

Western Municipal Water District (WMWD) owns three 20-inch water pipelines in the River Road Bridge. They are currently unused and WMWD agreed to sell one of the pipelines to the City to allow for the planned alignment of the reclaimed waterline. Staff has been working diligently with WMWD for several months to complete the pipeline acquisition as the final step in the process to complete the overall project.

ANALYSIS:

The WMWD Board of Directors approved the attached Agreement By and Between the City of Corona and WMWD for the Sale of a 20-Inch Water Pipeline in the River Road Bridge for the Beneficial Use of Recycled Water from the Western Riverside County Regional Wastewater Authority (Agreement) at the Board of Directors meeting on November 16, 2022. The Agreement transfers ownership of the pipeline to the City for a one-time payment of \$580,000 from the City to WMWD. This purchase allows the City to construct the reclaimed water pipeline using the proposed alignment through the bridge. WMWD determined the price based on the original cost of construction plus inflation. The City believes this price to be fair and reasonable.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Approval of the recommended actions will result in an appropriation of an expenditure and an offsetting revenue in the amount of \$145,000 from the Water Utility Grant/Agreement Fund 571 to the Title XVI funded WRCRWA Reclaimed Waterline Project #69710571 and an appropriation of \$435,000 from the Reclaimed Water Utility Fund 567 to the WRCRWA Reclaimed Waterline Project #69710567. There is sufficient working capital for the recommended actions.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

This action is exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which states that a project is exempt from CEQA if the activity is covered by the commonsense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. This action involves the purchase of a pipeline cell in a bridge, and there is no possibility that the recommended actions will have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, no environmental analysis is required.

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REVIEWED BY: TOM MOODY, DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES

Attachments:

1. Exhibit 1 - Agreement