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

DATE: 8/15/2018

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

FROM: Public Works Department  
Department of Water and Power

**SUBJECT:**

City Council consideration to approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a Reimbursement Agreement between the City of Corona and the Orange County Flood Control District pertaining to the protection, relocation, or abandonment of utilities and roadways for which the City, the District, or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has vested prior property right, title or interest to accommodate the construction of the Alcoa Dike Project.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

That the:

1. City Council approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a Reimbursement Agreement between the City of Corona and the Orange County Flood Control District for the City to pay costs incurred by the District to protect, relocate or abandon utilities and roadways (facilities) within Corps/District property for which the City does not have prior property right, title or interest (non-compensable utility work) and for the District to pay costs incurred by the City to protect, relocate or abandon utilities and roadways (facilities) within Corps/District property for which the City has prior property right, title or interest (compensable utility work).
2. Corona Utility Authority (CUA), review, ratify, and to the extent necessary, direct that the City Council take the above actions.

**ANALYSIS:**

Orange County Flood Control District (District) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) are constructing the Santa Ana River, Prado Dam and other flood control and protection improvements, in and around the Prado Basin, commonly known as the Santa Ana River Mainstem Project ("SARP

Project”). The SARP Project is necessary to protect the safety, health and welfare of residents and properties in Orange County from the devastating effects of major storm events, including a 190-year storm event. The District serves as the Local Sponsor, responsible for performing necessary relocations and acquisitions of property rights for the SARP Project.

The Corps has determined the necessity to construct an earthen dike roughly 7,500 feet in length and over 34 feet high as a portion of the Alcoa Dike Feature (“Dike”) to reduce flood risk and thereby protect the lives and the properties of both public and private-owned developments within Prado Basin, including roadways such as Rincon Street, Auburndale Street, and Butterfield Drive in the City of Corona, as shown in Exhibit “A” vicinity map, and Exhibit “B” location map. The City owns various facilities including utilities and roadways within the planned limits of the Dike which require protection, relocation, or abandonment.

Compensable utilities are defined in the agreement as those facilities located on, over, upon or within Corps/District property where the City has vested prior property right, title or interest, and the performance and costs associated with such utility work to protect, relocate, or abandon facilities will be borne by the District as the Local Sponsor of the SARP Project.

Non-compensable utilities are defined in the agreement as those facilities located on, over, upon or within Corps/District property where the City has no prior property right, title or interest, and the performance and costs associated with such utility work to protect, relocate, or abandon facilities will be borne by the City.

The utilities impacted by the Dike construction and their status as compensable or non-compensable are listed in Exhibit “C.”

The Reimbursement Agreement stipulates the responsibilities of the City and the District for utility protection, relocation and abandonment as required for construction of the Dike Project. A draft of the Reimbursement Agreement is provided in Exhibit “D.”

The Corps intends to advertise the Dike Project for bids during summer 2018 and begin construction by October 2018.

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

Not applicable.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

Not applicable.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Funding for the project is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Capital Improvement Project Budget as follows:

Account Name	Fund	Amount
Butterfield Drive Road Relocation CIP (72620)	222	\$150,000.00
Butterfield Drive Road Relocation CIP (72620)	227	\$700,000.00

Alcoa Dike Potable Water CIP (72050)	570	\$50,000.00
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An additional \$1,150,000 in the Measure A Fund (227) has been proposed for inclusion in the Fiscal Year 2019-20 budget. Additional utility funds will be budgeted in Fiscal Year 2019-20, or requested earlier if needed, as costs for the work being performed by the District and Corps are identified. Design, construction, and construction-phase engineering services cost estimates have not yet been provided by the District.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

The Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report No. 583 (SCH 1997071087) for the Santa Ana River Mainstem Project ("SARP Project") was certified by the Orange County Planning Commission on December 19, 2001, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, and approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Los Angeles District on January 17, 2002, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Therefore, no environmental analysis is required at this time.

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Exhibits:     "A" - Vicinity Map  
                  "B" - Location Map  
                  "C" - Utilities Impact  
                  "D" - Reimbursement Agreement