

Agenda Item: 8.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee  
FROM: Amanda Grint, Water Resources Engineer  
SUBJECT: City of Blair Cost Share Request for District Program 17.44  
DATE: December 29, 2014

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Mr. Al Schoemaker, City of Blair, has reached out to the District in 2012 and again in 2014 to request assistance in funding flood control berms to protect the water and wastewater treatment facilities for the City of Blair. In 2012, the request was denied as the District Program 17.44 Flood Mitigation Assistance Program, intended to fund the project, was not approved. Last month, the Board approved District Program 17.44 as part of the policy manual updates.

Since the City's last request in 2012, they have received FEMA funding for up to 75% of the project costs. The project includes permanent flood protection berms around the City's water and wastewater treatment plant, new pump station, new generators and elevation of access drives to the treatment plant. The total estimated cost for the proposed project is \$6.3 million. The City request is for \$787,500 or if the generators are removed from the request, \$575,000.

The City's proposed project meets the requirements of District Program 17.44, however the Program allows for a maximum of \$500,000 (approximately 8% of project costs) and therefor the recommendation is to cost share on the City's flood mitigation project the lesser of \$500,000 or half of the local cost share. The project schedule is such that the funding could be budgeted in two fiscal years, FY16 and FY17.

District Program 17.44 is anticipated to follow the schedule of other urban programs and so an official application for this project will be received in February, presented at March Board meeting and incorporated in to the FY16 budget.

**Staff recommends that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute an interlocal agreement with the City of Blair to cost share in the amount of \$500,000 or half of the local cost share, whichever is less, for the City's water and wastewater treatment plant flood mitigation project.**