

**CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA  
REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

**AGENDA ITEM**

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Report: Execution of Transfer Agreement between the City of Glendale and Los Angeles County Flood Control District, Agreement No. 2020RPULAR10, Safe, Clean Water Program - Regional Program

- 1) Motion Authorizing the City Manager or a designee to enter into a Transfer Agreement between the City of Glendale and Los Angeles County Flood Control District, Agreement No. 2023RPULAR06, Safe, Clean Water Program – Regional Program, for the California Avenue and Adjacent Streets Stormwater Capture Project.

**COUNCIL ACTION**

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<b>Item Type:</b> Consent Calendar
<b>Approved for</b> <u>December 10, 2024</u> <b>calendar</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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The Safe, Clean Water Program, approved in November 2018, aims to improve water quality and supply in Los Angeles County through a parcel tax on impermeable surfaces. The program splits revenue into two components: the Municipal Program, which allocates 40% of funds directly to cities for local use, and the Regional Program, distributing 50% of funds via a competitive process. Glendale secured \$3,000,000 under the regional Program for the California Avenue and Adjacent Streets Stormwater Capture Project.

After construction, this project will enhance water and air quality in the project neighborhood and supporting compliance with MS4 permit requirements. This project includes drywells and bioswales with nature-based solutions, aligning with program goals. Public Works Department (PWD) will engage local stakeholders during the design phase and seek City Council approval for construction.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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Approve the Motion authorizing the city to enter into a Transfer Agreement with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, Agreement No. 2023RPULAR06 Safe, Clean Water Program – Regional Program.

**ANALYSIS**

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The Safe, Clean Water Program was passed with more than 2/3 of the vote on the November 2018 ballot. The program assesses a parcel tax of 2.5 cents per square foot of impermeable surface on each property in Los Angeles County, subject to reductions as provided for in the

credit program and exemptions for parcels owned by qualifying low-income seniors.

The mission of the Safe, Clean Water Program is to increase stormwater and urban runoff capture and to reduce stormwater and urban runoff pollution as well as providing benefits to the water supply, water quality, and community investment. This program consists of two components, the Municipal Program and the Regional Program.

The main difference between the two programs is the allocated revenue received: 40% of the funding received from the Safe, Clean Water Program is allocated to cities as local return with maximum flexibility annually under the Municipal Program and 50% of the funding received is available through a competitive Call for Projects application basis annually under the Regional Program. The remaining 10% of the revenue received is for general administration and consulting support.

For the Regional Program, PWD participated in the 2022 annual Call for Projects application amongst different municipal agencies in the City of Los Angeles region. The Public Works Department (PWD) presented The California Avenue and Adjacent Streets Stormwater Capture Project to the Upper Los Angeles River (ULAR) Steering Committee which is comprised of representatives from all of the agencies in the region and was selected for inclusion in the ULAR Stormwater Investment Plan for the total project cost of \$3,000,000. To receive the funding, the City has to enter into a Transfer Agreement with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

The project consists of 24 drywell and 24 bioswale installations, all which contain heavy natured based solutions. Upon completion of the design, the project plans and specifications will be presented to the City Council to receive the authorization to advertise for bids for the construction phase of the project.

## **STAKEHOLDERS/OUTREACH**

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The California Avenue and Adjacent Streets Stormwater Capture Project is located entirely within a disadvantaged community where it will help improve the water and air quality of that community and help the city comply with annual MS4 permit requirements. This project will capture the vision and goals of the Safe Clean Water Act, which are to: Capture It, Clean It, Make It safe, and Make it for Everyone.

During the Design process, PWD staff will present the project to the residents, businesses, and property owners within the project vicinity to solicit public input on the locations and the design. Furthermore, outreach for this project will be made through a dedicated website. The website introduces the public to the project and the project team, explains the scope of work and project locations, highlights the project phase, and provides the public with staff contact information for questions, discussions, and/or input.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

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There is no fiscal impact associated with this report. Funding from this transfer agreement provides the City of Glendale with the ability to implement the California Avenue and Adjacent Streets Stormwater Capture Project to meet the goals of the Safe, Clean Water Program. Staff will return to Council to request a resolution of appropriation for the received funds after the agreement has been fully executed and staff is ready to begin the project.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (CEQA/NEPA)**

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The Project is categorically exempt from environment review because of CEQA Guidelines §§15301.

## **CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE**

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This item is exempt from campaign disclosure requirements.

## **ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Alternative 1: Do not approve the attached Motion. The City of Glendale will not be able to receive funding from the Safe, Clean Water Regional Program.

Alternative 2: The City Council may consider any other alternative not proposed by staff.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION**

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## **EXHIBITS/ATTACHMENTS**

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Exhibit 1: Transfer Agreement between The Los Angeles County Flood Control District and Glendale Agreement No. 2023RPULAR06 Safe, Clean Water Program – Regional Program.

Exhibit 2: Project Location Map for The California Avenue and Adjacent Streets Stormwater Capture Project

