



City of Huntington Beach

File #: 21-204

MEETING DATE: 4/5/2021

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

SUBMITTED TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

SUBMITTED BY: Oliver Chi, City Manager

PREPARED BY: Sean Crumby, Director of Public Works

Subject:

Approve the West Orange County Water Board (WOCWB) proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2021/22, with the City of Huntington Beach amount of \$1,048,936

Statement of Issue:

The City is a member of the West Orange County Water Board (WOCWB) Joint Powers Authority. The individual member agencies of WOCWB need to approve the proposed WOCWB budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021/22, prior to adoption by the Board as a whole.

Financial Impact:

The City's share of the WOCWB FY 2021/22 total proposed budget of \$1,649,000 is \$1,048,936. This amount is made up of \$69,564 for the annual operating budget, \$418,372 for the City's share of the loan repayment for the OC-35 Pipeline Relocation Project, and \$561,000 for the Cathodic Protection Program. The FY 2021/22 proposed operating budget is included in the Water Fund business unit 50685801, the debt service is included in the Water Master Plan business unit 50785999, and the Cathodic Protection Program is included in the Water Fund business unit 50691016.

Recommended Action:

Approve the WOCWB Proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2021/22, with the City of Huntington Beach amount of \$1,048,936.

Alternative Action(s):

Do not approve the proposed budget and direct staff accordingly.

Analysis:

The WOCWB is a Joint Powers Authority comprised of the cities of Garden Grove, Seal Beach, Westminster, and Huntington Beach, for the purpose of purchasing water from the Municipal Water District of Orange County, and transporting it via the OC-9 and OC-35 transmission mains, owned by the Joint Powers cities. Huntington Beach owns 56.1 percent of the system. The WOCWB is governed by five elected officials, one each from the cities of Garden Grove, Seal Beach, and

Westminster, and two from the City of Huntington Beach. Council Members Natalie Moser and Erik Peterson represent the City of Huntington Beach.

The General Manager of the WOCWB (the City of Huntington Beach Public Works Deputy Director) submits a proposed budget to the Board for review at mid-year for approval by the Board, prior to the beginning of the new fiscal year, after all member agencies' Councils have approved their share of the budget.

The total proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2021/22 is \$1,649,000. This includes \$124,000 for the operating budget which includes maintenance, electricity and administrative costs (legal, insurance and audit fees); \$525,000 in debt service for the OC-35 realignment project reimbursement agreement with OCTA; and \$1,000,000 for the Cathodic Protection Program to extend the lifespan of both the OC-9 and OC-35 transmission mains.

The Board reviewed the proposed budget at the February 17, 2021, special meeting and moved to recommend that each agency approve their share of the budget. Upon approval by each agency, the Board will consider approval of the budget at their next meeting, scheduled for April 21, 2021.

Environmental Status:

Not applicable.

Strategic Plan Goal:

Infrastructure & Parks

Attachment(s):

1. West Orange County Water Board Proposed Fiscal Year 2021/22 Budget