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## **CITY OF LOMITA CITY COUNCIL REPORT**

To: City Council

Date: March 3, 2003

From: Tracy Bonano - Management Analyst

Subject: WATER RESERVOIR AND TREATMENT PLANT  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE REPORT #12

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Receive and file.

### **BACKGROUND**

The water reservoir and treatment plant program continues at an acceptable pace and is summarized in this report for City Council review. Project team members consist of Gary Roepke - Willdan, Dr. Susan O'Carroll - Willdan, Mike McNamara - MuniFinance, Terry Kerger - Tetra Tech, Allan Porush - URS, Chris VanGeest - Field Services Director, Tom Odom - City Administrator, Brian Butler - Interim Finance Director and Tracy Bonano - Management Analyst. The date for PM #13 is yet to be determined.

### **ANALYSIS**

This staff report is based on project activity that has occurred since PM #11 held on January 10, 2003. Subjects covered include failure analysis, project financing, the Environmental Impact Report (EIR), view poles/scaffolding, the water master plan and revised time-line.

Representatives from Tetra Tech (design) and URS (failure analysis) continue to fine tune elements of the project design that are necessary to produce the most structurally sound reservoir possible. The design (90%) and completion of the failure analysis report is scheduled to run concurrently and be complete by the end of March, 2003.

The project financing consultant, Mike McNamara, is in the process of working on the water rate study and financing scenarios that were discussed at the January 27, 2003 City Council Workshop. At this time, there are a few different options/combinations being considered that include financing portions of the project through a low interest loan from the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (CIEDB) (or other qualified entity), using the available EPA grant allotment, using funds from the existing Water Capital Fund and possibly borrowing from the General Fund Reserves. According to Mr. McNamara, a plan, and the figures, are not available at this time, but will be made available within the next two weeks.

In a recent memo addressed to Gary Roepke (February 2003), Dr. Susan O'Carroll, EIR consultant, has requested that a current, accurate and complete project description be furnished to her. Some of the project information in O'Carroll's possession is old, outdated or incomplete and must be replaced/submitted to satisfy the EIR requirements (see attached memo).

The view poles/scaffolding bid has been awarded to Jones Scaffolding in the amount of \$3,400 plus a rental cost of \$15 per day if it is necessary to keep the scaffolding in place following the initial 75-day view period. Jones will provide the installation, maintenance and removal of the scaffolding and flag lines that will represent what the reservoir will look like when constructed. Three companies submitted bids to the City by the December 10, 2002 deadline. After careful consideration, Jones scaffolding was selected by the project consultant and staff (recommendations attached) as the company that meets and/or exceeds the requirements called forth in the scope of services. In addition, Jones Scaffolding presented the lowest bid in a range that spans from approximately \$3,400 to \$6,300. On February 14, 2003, the "Notice to Proceed" was mailed out to Jones Scaffolding for final confirmation.

The City of Lomita's Water Master Plan/Request for Proposal (RFP) is under way. Field Services Director Chris VanGeest has teamed up with Lomita's Water System Consultant Woody Thurlow in putting together a scope of work that will carry Lomita's water plan through the next five (5) to ten (10) years. The scope of work is expected to be completed sometime during the week of March 3, 2003, and an RFP will be issued shortly thereafter.

Finally, a revised time-line, dated February 7, 2003, has been submitted and is attached to this report for reference.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

None. Information only. Receive and file.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

None. Information only. Receive and file.

Recommended by:

Approved by:

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Tracy Bonano  
MANAGEMENT ANALYST

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Tom A. Odom  
CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Attachment(s):       Memo (February 2003) from Dr. Susan O'Carroll to Gary Roepke  
                              Scaffolding Recommendations from Gary Roepke and Chris VanGeest  
                              Revised Time-Line Dated February 7, 2003.