



Item No. _____

CITY OF LOMITA CITY COUNCIL REPORT

To: City Council Date: October 3, 2005
From: Tracy Bonano, Management Analyst
Subject: Water Reservoir and Treatment Plant Capital Improvement Project Report #41

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file.

BACKGROUND

This Cypress Street Reservoir Progress Meeting (PM) #41 was held on September 26, 2005. The date of PM #42 is scheduled to convene October 24, 2005 at 1:30 P.M. Project team members attending this September 26th meeting include Tom A. Odom - City Administrator, Larry Wiener – City Special Counsel, Tracy Bonano – Management Analyst, Glen Kau – Public Works Director, Gary Sugano – Community Development Director, Gary Roepke – Willdan Project Manager, Matt Collings – Tetra Tech, Mike Cope – Chandler’s Ranch Properties, LLC (CRP) and Allan Porush – URS.

ANALYSIS

Amongst several issues discussed at the meeting, this report mainly focuses on the areas of land ownership, design elements and environmental issues.

First, as requested, Tetra Tech presented a legal description and drawing of the reservoir site and the areas affected by the potential land exchange between the City and Chandler’s Ranch Properties, LLC (CRP). Unfortunately, the description and drawing depict the exchange in regards to the whole area instead of focusing on the individual sections being affected. Consequently, to provide the optimal amount of clarity for the record, City Staff and CRP requested, and it was agreed upon, that Tetra Tech would return as soon as possible with a sectional description of the exchange.

Second, the aesthetics of the reservoir were taken into account. At present time, Tetra Tech is waiting on samples of fiberglass rock that can be attached to the reservoir walls which will enable the structure blend in with the surrounding landscape. The samples will be provided to City Staff and the reservoir project manager prior to the next meeting on October 24, 2005.

Finally, in respect to the environmental element of the plan, Willdan has completed a last appeal letter to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The letter requests, once again, that an

environmental monitor be used at the reservoir site during construction because upon physical investigation, Willdan has determined that due to extensive excavation and grading of the reservoir site and surrounding Chandler property, the project's "Area of Potential Effects" is clear of cultural resources, significant or otherwise. The letter has been sent to SHPO via the City's representative at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The City now awaits SHPO's response and will inform Council soon after a decision has been made.

ALTERNATIVES

None. Information only. Receive and file.

FISCAL IMPACT

None. Information only. Receive and file.

Recommended by:

Approved by

Tracy Bonano
MANAGEMENT ANALYST

Tom A. Odom
CITY ADMINISTRATOR