

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda date: November 5, 2012
Reviewed by: BP

SUBJECT: A Resolution of the Albany City Council Authorizing the City Manager to approve a Reimbursement Agreement with the East Bay Municipal Utility District for the Construction of a Recycled Water Pipeline in the Buchanan-Marín Bikeway Project.

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SUMMARY

The City has been cooperating with EBMUD to provide recycled water to the community since 2001. At the request of EBMUD, and in order to take advantages of economies of scale that result from multiple construction contracts, a segment of the proposed recycled water facilities for the City was included in the Buchanan Marin Bikeway project. In order for the City to be reimbursed for these costs, it is necessary to enter into a reimbursement agreement with EBMUD.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution No. 2012-64 authorizing the City Manager to approve a reimbursement agreement with the East Bay Municipal Utility District for the construction of a recycled water pipeline in the Buchanan-Marín Bikeway Project.

BACKGROUND

In 2001, EBMUD began the planning and construction of a water line that will provide recycled water from the District's treatment plant at the foot of the Bay Bridge to communities in northern Alameda County including the City of Albany. The City has since been incorporating recycled water lines in City projects.

DISCUSSION

The agreement will fund construction of the water line from Eastshore Highway, along Buchanan Street and Marin Avenue to San Pablo Avenue. Future plans call for this line to be extended along Marin to the Ohlone Greenway and along Cleveland Avenue to Pierce Street Park. Principal users along this route include the USDA, the City (Ocean View Park and the medians in Buchanan and Marin), and UC Village. All property owners are enthusiastic about the opportunity to obtain recycled water line and easement

agreements and environmental documents were modified to provide for the addition of the recycled water line to the project.

EBMUD prepared the plans and specifications for this work and they were included in the bid documents for the project together with a bid item for the recycled water facilities. The low bidder price for this item was \$72,000. In addition, EBMUD has agreed to reimburse the City for 10% of the cost to offset the City's cost to administer the contract. Under the agreement, EBMUD will pay for any additional costs associated with this work that may be incurred through change orders.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

The recycled water line was included in the environmental review process for the Buchanan Marin Bikeway project.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT

Recycled water will be used for landscaping, parks, and improvements throughout the City and will reduce the demand on potable water for this purpose.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The project construction costs are being completely paid by EBMUD. The allotted amount of 10% of construction will not completely offset the City's initial costs to administer the project. There will be in the future, however, significant savings derived by the City from the use of recycled water which will more than offset these initial unrecovered administrative costs.

Attachment: Resolution Approving Reimbursement Agreement with EBMUD