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RE: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Quarterly Progress Report
Malibu Civic Center Water Treatment Plan

Dear Renee:

The following is the quarterly progress report for the Malibu Civic Center Water Treatment Plan, which covers work activities performed on this project during the period between July 1, 2021, and September 30, 2021. To date, the City continues to make progress on all MOU Milestone requirements.

Below is a list of work activities performed during the last quarter:

- Woodard and Curran, the design consultant for Civic Center Water Treatment Facility, Phase 2 (Phase 2), completed the 90% design plans for the wastewater treatment facility, and wastewater collection system and the recycled water distribution plans.
- The project design consultants prepared legal descriptions and easement documents for the Serra and Malibu Colony neighborhoods.
- The project team continued to meet with the State Water Board regarding the Clean Water State Revolving Fund application.
- The City mailed letters to all the property owners with their estimated assessment amounts.
- The project team met with the Regional Board on August 8, 2021, to discuss ongoing challenges including the MOU deadline to form the assessment district.
- The City requested a revision to the MOU regarding the formation of the assessment district.
- The City's water quality monitoring consultant, Rincon Consultants, continues to collect baseline background data for the project's Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Programs.



- Staff continues to provide regular updates of the project to the community, Public Works Commission, and City Council.

Woodard and Curran, the project design team, continued to work on the project drawings and technical specifications for the wastewater treatment facility and recycled water expansion, and the new wastewater collection system. The project design team completed the 90% plans and specifications and submitted those documents to the City for review. It is anticipated that the final plans and specifications will be completed by February 2022.

The proposed wastewater collection system in the Serra and Malibu Colony neighborhoods require easements since the existing roads are private. The design team has prepared the legal exhibits and easement documents for the necessary easement in these neighborhoods. The City has sent these documents to the respective property owners for their review and execution. The City will continue to coordinate this effort so that all easements are in place prior to the formation of the proposed assessment district.

During this last quarter, the project team met with the State Water Board to discuss the environmental portion of the City's Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan application. The City was informed that the environmental review was proceeding however, it is unlikely that the review will be completed until early 2022. The City and the State Water Board agreed to work collaboratively to streamline this process.

On July 21, 2021, the City mailed letters to all the property owners within Phase 2. The letter reinforced the septic prohibition, estimated project schedule, and discussed the anticipated project financing. The letter also provided the property owner an estimate of their total assessment amount along with an estimate of the monthly wastewater service fees.

The City and Regional Board met on August 8, 2021, to discuss the ongoing challenges with Phase 2. The City mentioned that the November 5, 2021, MOU deadline to complete the assessment district would be difficult to achieve due to COVID-19 and other project issues. On September 2, 2021, the City requested the deadline for the assessment district formation be amended to June 30, 2022, to successfully complete all the tasks necessary to form the assessment district and to place the project in the optimum position for success. The revised assessment district formation date will allow the City to bid the project and obtain actual cost of the project prior to the formation of the proposed assessment district. Regional Board staff has notified the City that they were working on the MOU extension with the hope of approving it prior to November 5, 2021.

Lastly, the City continues to implement the groundwater and surface water monitoring programs as required by the project permits. The third quarter 2021 water monitoring report was recently completed and submitted to the RWQCB.

If you have any questions, or require additional clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me at (310) 456-2489, extension 339, or rduboux@malibucity.org.

Sincerely,



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