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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 April 1, 2021 and June 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), continues to work on the 90% design plans for the wastewater treatment facility, and wastewater collection system and the recycled water distribution plans.
- The project team held a community meeting on May 27, 2021.
- The project team submitted a memorandum summarizing the Phase 2 project design components to the Regional Board.
- The environmental portion of the City's Clean Water State Revolving Fund application is being reviewed by the State Water Board.
- The project team began creating easement documents for the proposed improvements in the Serra and Malibu Colony neighborhoods.
- The project team continues to work on the preliminary estimated assessments.
- 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. Per Article II.B.4 of the MOU, the City is required to submit to the Los Angeles Water Board a Design for Phase Two, including any alternative facility, which shall consist of facility layout, electrical and pumping requirements, sewer line plans and profiles, disposal well design. Also submit to the Los Angeles Water Board a complete report of waste discharge, if necessary, pursuant to the California Water Code. The project design team submitted a memorandum summarizing the final design to the Regional Board prior to the June 30, 2021 MOU deadline.

On May 27, 2021, the City held a community meeting to provide the property owners an update on the design and to present information regarding the preliminary estimated assessments. The City's assessment district consultant provided the property owners on the methodology of determining the individual assessments and showed a chart of the proposed preliminary estimated assessments. The City along with the Regional Board staff answered questions from the public regarding the proposed project and assessment district.

The City submitted the California Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan application to the State Water Board last quarter and was informed that the project is included in the State Water Board's fundable list. The State Water Board is currently reviewing the environmental portion of the project. The environmental review is anticipated to be completed towards the beginning of 2022. However, the funding agreement is expected during the summer of 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 completed researching the existing survey documents and has begun creating easements documents for the proposed improvements. The City will be reaching out to the property owners with the easement documents within the next few weeks.

Approximately 16 parcels within the unincorporated portion of Los Angeles County require to be included in the project's assessment district. A separate Board of Supervisors action is required to add these parcels to the City's assessment district. This action is necessary prior to the City's formation of the assessment district. The City and County are collaborating on this item and is attempting to get this completed by October 2021.

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

The City continues to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic. The City and its consultants continued to work on the design of the project and the assessment district to meet the deadlines in the MOU. However, with the rising cases of COVID-19, the necessary steps to add the County parcels into the assessment district, and the State Water Board's anticipated approval date of the SRF funding agreement, the City is concerned on the ability to meet the MOU deadlines. The City would like to set up a meeting to discuss these issues.

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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