

Lompoc City Council Agenda Item

City Council Meeting Date: February 17, 2009



TO: Laurel M. Barcelona, City Administrator

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SUBJECT: Consideration Of A Revised Storm Water Management Program for the City of Lompoc

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council consider the attached Revised Storm Water Management Program (SWMP) and cover letter, direct staff to make any desired changes, and submit the SWMP to the Central Coast Water Quality Control Board (CCWQCB).

BACKGROUND:

The City of Lompoc submitted its latest SWMP revision to the CCWQCB on May 23, 2008, as required. This submittal was reviewed and noticed publicly for 60 days. The CCWQCB staff made recommendations regarding changes and conditions to the City's SWMP and on October 17, 2008, the CCWQCB conditionally approved Lompoc's SWMP.

DISCUSSION:

The SWMP under consideration has been revised from that submitted on May 23, 2008, to address the Table of Required Revisions adopted by the CCWQCB on October 17, 2008. Major revisions required include: New requirements for Hydromodification Control / Low Impact Development; a requirement for a Hydromodification Management Plan; and a commitment to long-term watershed development of quantifiable measures that will indicate how the City's watershed protection efforts will achieve the CCWQCB's desired watershed conditions. Each of these measures is anticipated to be expensive and difficult to administer, while adding significant additional design and engineering requirements to new development and redevelopment. The proposed measures required by the CCWQCB are expected to encourage sprawl development and make smart-growth infill development increasingly economically infeasible. This will increase the cost of housing, pose a threat to agricultural lands and encourage urban blight. However, the City is bound by federal and state law to revise and implement these new regulations, which bear a striking likeness to an unfunded mandate.

FISCAL IMPACT

Implementation of the SWMP is expected to have a significant fiscal impact, as it imposes new activities, studies, inspections, and reporting requirements on all Departments and Divisions Citywide.

Some of the SWMP requirements to be met in this budget cycle include:

Item	2009-11 Budget Amount
Employee Training and Public Education Costs	\$13,375
Annual Permit Fee	\$15,138
Grading Ordinance Development	\$8,000
Illicit Discharge and Storm Drain Inspection	\$3,000
Interim Hydromodification Plan	\$100,000
Miguelito Creek Cleanup and Trash Interceptor	\$160,000
Laboratory Sampling	\$11,100
Total	\$310,613

The source of the funds to be charged to cover the above items has not yet been determined and will be worked out in the budget process.

It is possible that additional, unanticipated costs will arise, either in development of required plans and strategies or in implementing the required provisions of the SWMP to the satisfaction of the CCRWQCB. The CCRWQCB must review and accept certain elements of the SWMP implementation and strategies, and conducts annual compliance reviews. At these junctures new requirements and interpretations may be imposed on the City by the CCRWQCB.

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Attachment:

1. City of Lompoc's Table of Required Changes
2. The City of Lompoc's Revised Storm Water Management Program for the NPDES Phase II Permit Term, September 2008-2013 – Red Line / Strikeout Version
3. The City of Lompoc's Revised Storm Water Management Program for the NPDES Phase II Permit Term, September 2008-2013 **Only the City Council received the version without strikeouts. This version is available at the Planning Counter in City Hall and on the City Website at www.ci.lompoc.ca.us*

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

Arleen T. Pelster, AICP, Community Development Director

Larry A. Bean, Public Works Director

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

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