

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
AND PROPOSALS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE
CITYWIDE WATER QUALITY MASTER PLAN**

As part of the City's ongoing water quality efforts, staff has been proactive in seeking various ways to help address the series of strict water quality requirements designed to protect municipal and domestic water supplies, groundwater recharge, aquatic life habitat, wildlife habitat, and both contact and non-contact water recreation uses in the watershed. With the second phase of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit pending, and a continuing series of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL's) being implemented, staff believes developing a citywide Water Quality Master Plan (WQMP) would be a key component in helping guide the city through the large number of regulatory requirements.

The objectives of the WQMP would to create a living document that would include:

- An inventory of existing stormwater facilities (i.e., preparation of a stormwater atlas).
- Identifying the type and extent of contaminants present in Agoura Hills.
- Identifying measures to best reduce or eliminate all contaminants.
- Preparation of a phased plan to implement solutions and/or future stormwater facilities.
- Identification of stormwater management policies/procedures/standards to guide future development.
- Recommendations for compliance with NPDES Phase II regulations.
- Specific recommendations to the city to improve its management of stormwater runoff.

There are sufficient funds appropriated in the FY 2012/13 stormwater budget to cover the cost for these services. With Council approval, staff will begin advertising and conducting the review process. Staff anticipates awarding the contract for the professional engineering services in January.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council authorize staff to solicit Request for Qualifications and Proposals for professional engineering services related to the Citywide Water Quality Master Plan.