### BUSINESS ITEM 2013-256 Adoption of Clean Water Fund Inflow/Infiltration (I/I) Grant Program Design

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# Today's Agenda

- Proposed Schedule
- I. Program Design Essentials
- II. Public Comments
- IV. Questions and Comments
- V. Committee Action



### **Draft I/I Grant Program Schedule**

- July 9: Staff Proposal to Environment Committee
- **Public Meeting** August 13:
- August 23: Public Input ends
- Env. Comm: Review input, and recommendation Sept. 10:
- Sept. 25: **Potential Council Approval**
- Program Begins (cities eligible to apply) November 1:







# **Proposed Eligibility**

- High priority = Communities participating in I/I Surcharge Program
  - 50 communities to date
  - New communities: 1) getting a preliminary I/I surcharge, AND

2) taking action to mitigate

• Also, Communities must be willing to sign grant agreement



# **Proposed Eligible Repairs**

- Only non-municipal sewer infrastructure (service) laterals and foundation drains),
  - where:
    - Work is pre-qualified before done
    - Property owner provides a repair cost estimate
    - Building is occupied
    - Community allowed to inspect





# **Proposed Eligible Repairs**

- Grants to be one third of actual, eligible, reasonable and verifiable repair costs: Out-of-pocket costs only • (e.g. owner labor costs not eligible) – Limited to \$2,000 per site
- Community match of one third is encouraged





### **Proposed Process**

- 1. Cities:
  - apply to be in program and sign grant agreements
  - communicate program to private parties
- 2. Private parties:
  - get estimates or bids from contactors
  - submits to their City
- 3. Cities:
  - review requests for eligibility
  - submit requests to MCES for prequalification approvals
- 4. MCES:
  - also reviews eligibility details
  - approves, if funding available
  - encumbers funds, notifies Cities



# **Proposed Process (continued)**

- 5. Cities:
  - notify applicants (approval maximums)
  - issue permits
- 6. Private Parties:
  - get the repair work done
  - submit receipts to City
- 7. Cities:
  - send summary of actual dollars spent to MCES
  - certifies work was done and records are auditable
- 8. MCES:
  - gets City paid, and
  - if less than encumbered, MCES adjusts available pool of funds
    - and issues more prequalification approval(s)
  - reports to State







# Public Meeting – August 13

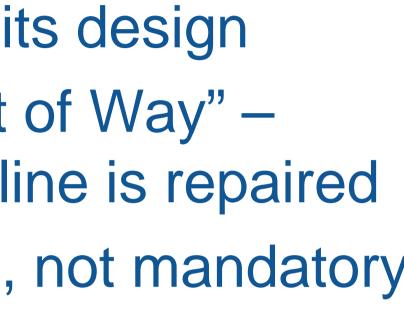
- Chaired by Council Member Wendy Wulff
- Attended by:
  - 15 stakeholders
  - Various MCES staff
- No voiced objections to overall proposal
- 3 written comments submitted; MCES staff responded to those (see packet)



## **Public Comments**

- Metro Cities supportive of program and its design
- City owned service laterals under "Right of Way" eligible only if full connection to service line is repaired
- City contribution to costs recommended, not mandatory
- Sump pump redirects not allowable
- Cities may determine their own requirements and will pay property owners directly and on their terms
- Cities must be I&I surcharge program participant
- All attendees expressed interest in participating





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### **Comments?**

### **Committee action**



