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

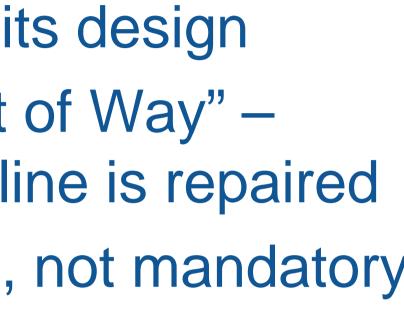
- Chaired by Council Member Wendy Wulff
- Attended by:
 - 15 stakeholders
 - Various MCES staff
- No voiced objections to overall proposal
- 3 written comments submitted; MCES staff responded to those (see packet)



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



