

Committee Report

Business Item No. 2015-128

Environment Committee

Meeting date: June 9, 2015

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 24, 2015

Subject: Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Land Acquisition Agreement for Future Lift Station Site, MCES Project No. 807900

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a land acquisition agreement for a future lift station site in Fridley, MCES Project No. 807900.

Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

The lift station will require approximately 5 acres. Future discussion will occur regarding potential uses of the remainder of the site, with report back to this committee for additional action as appropriate.

Motion to approve the proposed action was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

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District(s), Member(s): District 2, Lona Schreiber

Policy/Legal Reference: Policy 3-3, Expenditures; MN Statutes 473.504

Staff Prepared/Presented: Bryce Pickart, 651-602-1091

Division/Department: MCES c/o Leisa Thompson, 651-602-8101

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That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a land acquisition agreement for a future lift station site in Fridley, MCES Project No. 807900.

Background

Lift Station No. 32 is located in a residential area, near the west bank of the Mississippi River in Brooklyn Park. Lift Station No. 32 serves Brooklyn Park, Anoka, Champlin, Dayton, Maple Grove, Medina, Plymouth, and Ramsey, and will serve portions of Corcoran and Rogers in the near future.

Lift Station No. 32 was constructed in 1970 with a design configuration that has minimal storage to protect against basement backups in the event of power or other pumping failure. MCES has upgraded this lift station to effectively create redundant pumps, electrical equipment, and standby power generators. However, as wastewater flow increases and the lift station ages, this approach may not sustain the desired level of service reliability.

The long-term wastewater system plan includes replacement of Lift Station No. 32 with a new lift station, incorporating storage, on the east bank of the Mississippi River. The proposed lift station will be constructed on a portion of Camp Lockeslea, which is owned by the Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys. The site is approximately 22 acres in size. The Board of Directors of the Girl Scouts has passed a resolution supporting negotiation with the Metropolitan Council for purchase of the property with leaseback to the Girl Scouts for their interim use as a summer camp.

Rationale

Real estate acquisition amounts exceeding \$500,000 require Council authorization.

Funding

2015 MCES Authorized Capital Program, Project 807900

Currently Authorized: \$14,000,000

Unencumbered Funds: \$8,100,000

Requested Amount: \$3,500,000 (approximately)

Known Support / Opposition

The Girl Scouts have expressed support for negotiating an agreement.