

DATE:

February 24, 2015

TO:

Board of Supervisors

FROM:

Alan Weaver, Director

Department of Public Works and Planning

SUBJECT:

Agreement with the Laton Community Services District for the Laton Wastewater

Colone Vance

Treatment Plant Pond Addition, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Project No. 14411

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve and authorize Chairman to execute Agreement with the Laton Community Services District for the Laton Wastewater Treatment Plant Pond Addition, Community Development Block Grant Project No. 14411 (\$250,000).

The Agreement provides Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for the Laton Wastewater Treatment Plant Pond Addition Project totaling \$250,000. The project is included in the County's 2014-2015 Action Plan which was approved by your Board on May 6, 2014.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(s):

Your Board may reject the project and proceed to amend the 2014-2015 Action Plan to delete the Laton Wastewater Treatment Plant Pond Addition Project and direct staff to identify another project on the 2014-2015 Back Up list for consideration. However, deletion of this project may impact the County's ability to meet its CDBG expenditure timelines, which are set by HUD.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no net cost to the County. The total estimated project cost is \$275,000. CDBG funds in the amount of \$250,000 from the County's unincorporated area allocation are included in the Department's approved budget for FY 2014-15, Org. No. 7205 for the Laton Wastewater Treatment Plant Pond Addition Project. The Laton Community Services District will provide all sums of money in excess of the CDBG funds that may be necessary to complete the project.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW		- Lans Pa	age 1 of 3
BOARDAGION: DATE	February 24, 2015	APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED	X OTHER
Official Action of			
X	GEAS MENDES	PACHECO PEREA	POOCHIGIAN

Board of Supervisors February 24, 2015 Page 2

DISCUSSION:

On May 6, 2014, your Board approved the 2014-2015 Unincorporated Area Projects list as part of the Annual Action Plan, which included the Laton Wastewater Treatment Plant Pond Addition Project on the Back Up list should funding become available. Due to year-end cost savings from other CDBG activities, there are now sufficient funds for this project.

The Laton Wastewater Treatment Plant Pond Addition Project consists of constructing two additional effluent disposal / percolation ponds with compacted soil levees and pipe control structures to connect the ponds, within the existing Laton Wastewater Treatment Plant. The additional ponds will allow the District to rotate pond usage to allow drying for maintenance while complying with regulatory oversight requirements.

In addition to providing funds for the Laton Wastewater Treatment Plant Pond Addition Project, the Agreement requires that the Laton Community Services District prepare the plans and specifications for the project that conform with Federal and State regulations governing Federally-assisted projects. The Agreement also provides that the District be responsible for the advertising and awarding of the project to the lowest responsible bidder and for completion of the necessary construction engineering. The County agrees to review and approve the plans and specifications for compliance with Federal regulations prior to the District advertising of the project for bid. The Laton Community Services District agrees to maintain the improvements after project completion.

Conditional Use Permit 3435/Initial Study 6785 was prepared for this project and approved by the Fresno County Planning Commission March 13, 2014. The Development Services Division staff determined that the project will not have a significant impact on the environment under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines. A Negative Declaration was filed with the Fresno County Clerk on December 2, 2014. Environmental Assessment No. 6907 was also completed for the Laton Wastewater Treatment Plant Pond Addition Project under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). It has been determined that the project is exempt per Section 58.34 (a)(12) of the NEPA Guidelines because the project meets the requirements for a categorical exclusion under Section 58.5.

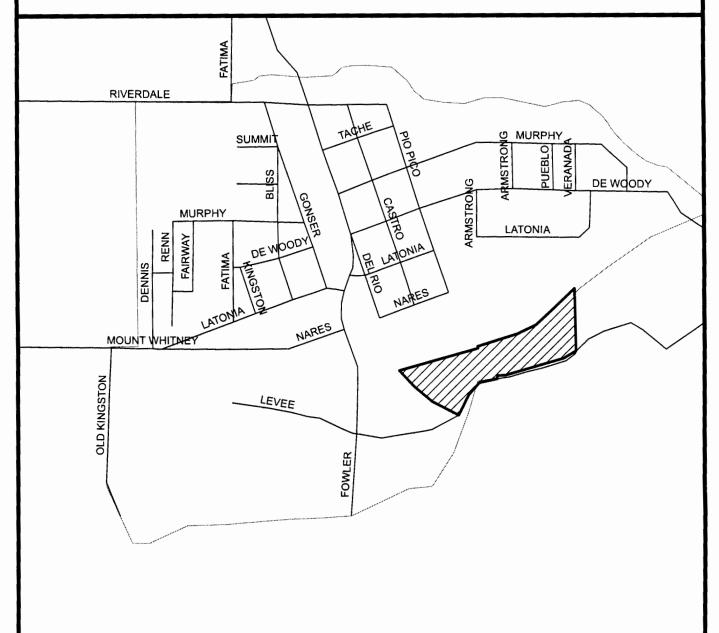
OTHER REVIEWING AGENCIES:

The Agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Laton Community Services District.

REFERENCE MATERIAL:

BAI #16, May 6, 2014

Laton Community Services District Wastewater Treatment Facility Pond Addition CDBG Project No. 14411



Legend



Laton WWTP

