SWEETWATER SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT

TO: Board of Directors **AGENDA NO. V-C**

FROM: Steve Mack, General Manager

Meeting Date : July 7, 2016

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING PROGRESS WITH A POSSIBLE LOAN/BOND WITH USDA AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 16-08 FINDING THE 2017 CIP IS EXEMPT FROM CEQA

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive a presentation by the General Manager on the progress with the bond/grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA) to fund the 2017 CIP, provide direction to staff, and approve Resolution 16-08 which finds the 2017 CIP is exempt from CEQA.

FISCAL IMPACT: none

DISCUSSION:

The District is seeking funding through USDA for the FY17 CIP which is replacement of approximately 6,800 ft of existing main and 75 services on Old River Rd at Morningside east to the eastern section of Foothill Drive and include Orchard Rd and Foothill Drive and River Rd on river side of the road. The District has hired Coastland Engineering to prepare a Preliminary Engineering Report and Environmental Report which are required elements of the USDA loan/bond process.

These reports are near completion. If we get them prior to the July 7 meeting we transmit them to you. As part of the USDA process, USDA is requiring the District to complete the CEQA process prior to submitting the application for funding. Typically this finding is done during award of contract but we will follow the direction of USDA so that we can get the funding process moving again.

The 2017 CIP is replacement of existing water main and services and will result in negligible or no expansion of capacity, thus the Project is exempt from environmental review, pursuant to CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines, section 15301(b) and 15302(c. Resolution 16-08 makes this finding and we hope it satisfies USDA.

Resolution No. 16-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SWEETWATER SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT FINDING THE 2017 CIP IS EXEMPT FROM CEQA

WHEREAS, Sweetwater Springs Water District (District) is undertaking its 2017 Capital Improvement Project (Project) which is replacement of approximately 6,800 ft of existing main and 75 services on Old River Rd at Morningside east to the eastern section of Foothill Drive and include Orchard Rd and Foothill Drive and River Rd on river side of the road; and

WHEREAS, the District has engaged Coastland Engineering and its subcontractor WRA, Inc., to do an environmental investigation of the Project; and

WHEREAS, Coastland and WRA have done a Preliminary Engineering Report and Environmental Report on the Project and shared that information with the District; and

WHEREAS, the Project involves the replacement or reconstruction of existing facilities and will result in negligible or no expansion of capacity, thus the Project is exempt from environmental review, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and Title 14, the California Code of Regulations ("CEQA Guidelines"), section 15302(c).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the District Board of Directors hereby finds that the 2017 CIP is exempt from environmental review, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and Title 14, the California Code of Regulations ("CEQA Guidelines"), section 15301(b) and 15302(c) because it involves the replacement or reconstruction of existing facilities and will result in negligible or no expansion of capacity.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution duly and regularly adopted and passed by the Board of Directors of the SWEETWATER SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT, Sonoma County, California, at a meeting held on July 7, 2016, by the following vote.

Director	Aye	No
Sukey Robb-Wilder	_____	_____
Tim Lipinski	_____	_____
Richard Holmer	_____	_____
Gaylord Schaap	_____	_____
Pip Marquez de la Plata	_____	_____

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Tim Lipinski
President of the Board of Directors

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Attest: Julie A. Kenny
Clerk of the Board of Directors