

TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Doug Monn, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: Salinas River Corridor Master Plan Supplemental Environmental Project
DATE: October 17, 2006

NEEDS: For the City Council to consider appropriating funds from the wastewater operations account to fund the Salinas River Corridor Master Plan Supplemental Environmental Project.

FACTS:

1. On September 8, 2006, the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board adopted an Order that provides \$27,000 to be expended on a supplemental environmental project (SEP).
2. The SEP is intended to further develop the Salinas River Corridor Plan.

ANALYSIS &

CONCLUSION: In July 2006, the City proposed expending \$27,000 on a Supplemental Environmental Project to further develop the Salinas River Corridor Master Plan. Regional Board staff agreed with the City's proposal and incorporated funding of the Master Plan in to their recommendation to the Regional Board. At a public hearing on September 8, 2006 the Regional Board adopted an Order that allows the City to direct \$27,000 to fund the Master Plan.

The approved Supplemental Environmental Project will partially fund the next phase of the Salinas River Corridor Master Plan. The Plan will incorporate water quality protection goals and strategies contained in the Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District's Upper Salinas River Watershed Master Plan. The Master Plan will also identify sensitive privately owned areas and develop strategies to protect and improve those areas's environmental condition. The Plan will be both illustrative and narrative and contain key policies to guide future preservation and development of the River corridor. The Order requires the City to provide a copy of the Master Plan and post-project cost accounting to the Regional Board by April 30, 2007.

POLICY

REFERENCE: General Plan

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IMPACT: Appropriate \$27,000 from the wastewater operations fund.

OPTIONS:

- a. Adopt Resolution No 06-xx authorizing the transfer of \$27,000 from the Sewer Operations Fund to the General Fund and approving a one time General Fund budget appropriation of \$27,000 to budget account 100-130-5235-773 for the Salinas River Corridor Master Plan.
- b. Amend, modify, or reject the above option.

Attachments (1)
1) Resolution

