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City Council Staff Report

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Agenda Item No. 6

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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TITLE: Resolution No. 2020-28: Supporting Submission of a Grant Application Under the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Measure M2 Tier 1 Environmental Cleanup Program

ABSTRACT:

The Newport Bay Trash Wheel project will provide a trash wheel collecting vessel that can capture floatable garbage flowing down San Diego Creek from inland Orange County into Newport Bay. Public Works staff requests City Council approval to proceed with submittal of a grant proposal to Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) for possible funding for the Newport Bay Trash Wheel project. A resolution of support from the City Council is required as part of the grant application.

RECOMMENDATION:

- a) Determine that the action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because it will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and
- b) Adopt Resolution No. 2020-28, *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, Authorizing and Approving the Submittal of a Grant Proposal for Funding Under the Orange County Transportation Authority Environmental Cleanup Tier 1 Grant Program.*

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:

The current Capital Improvement Program Budget includes \$1,688,000 of funding for this project. With this grant proposal, staff is requesting additional funds of approximately \$500,000 from an upcoming OCTA Tier 1 Environmental Cleanup Tier 1 Grant Program "Call for Projects". Should the City be successful and awarded the full amount, the City's match requirement is estimated at 20 percent or approximately \$100,000. Staff plans to request the necessary City matching funds come from the Tidelands Upper Bay Reserve account.

If selected for award, staff will return to City Council for formal acceptance of the funds and to process the necessary budget amendment to recognize the increased revenue and expenditures.

DISCUSSION:

OCTA has established and is administering a grant funding program to address water quality impacts associated with transportation-generated pollution as a component of Measure M2. Measure M2 is a half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements approved by Orange County voters in 2006.

For the Tier 1 grant program, approximately \$2.8 million is available for this fiscal year's Call for Projects. The project application period is open from March 11 to May 7, 2020. Staff plans to submit a grant application for the Newport Bay Trash Wheel project, which has been reviewed and approved by the City's Water Quality/Coastal Tidelands Committee. Additionally, the City has been awarded a grant from the Ocean Protection Council (OPC) for \$1.68M. If successful, this grant application will provide the additional \$500,000 needed to fund construction of the project.

As required by the grant application, an adopted supporting resolution must be submitted stating that 1) City Council has reviewed and supports the project application; 2) City is capable of providing the required match funding; and 3) City agrees to work with OCTA to meet established deadlines. If awarded a grant, City Council will be asked to accept the grant funds at a future Council meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

Staff recommends City Council find this action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

NOTICING:

The agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Council considers the item).

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Resolution No. 2020-28
Attachment B – Location Map