

TO: James L. App, City Manager

FROM: Doug Monn, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Wastewater Public Education Grant to Paso Robles Public Schools

DATE: November 16, 2010

NEEDS: For City Council to consider appropriating a grant of \$3,000 to Paso Robles Public Schools for a public education campaign about proper disposal of Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG).

FACTS:

1. State regulations and the City's Sewer System Management Plan require the City to educate the public about proper disposal of FOG, in order to prevent sewage spills.
2. Students can effectively educate their families and the general public about proper disposal of FOG.
3. Paso Robles Public Schools host a Service Learning Program, which educates students through public service projects. The City's Wastewater Division has partnered with the Service Learning Program in recent years.

ANALYSIS & CONCLUSION: This grant will be used to purchase materials and equipment necessary for Paso Robles High School students (primarily advanced chemistry students) to study the effects of FOG in sewer systems and develop short public service announcements about proper FOG disposal. These public service announcements will be suitable for broadcast on the internet, radio, and television. The grant will support the objectives of Paso Robles High School and satisfy the City's requirement to educate the public about proper FOG disposal.

POLICY REFERENCE: City Council adopted a Sewer System Management Plan through Resolution No. 09-136 (attached). The proposed grant will partially fulfill the Sewer System Management Plan, thus is consistent with Resolution No. 09-136.

FISCAL IMPACT: The City's Sewer Enterprise Fund has ample public education budget for this expenditure.

OPTIONS:

- a. Adopt Resolution No. 10-xx authorizing the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Paso Robles Public Schools
- b. Amend, modify, or reject the above option.

Prepared by: Patti Gwathmey, Industrial Waste Manager

Attachments: Resolution No. 10-xx
MOU, Exhibit A
Resolution No. 09-136

RESOLUTION NO. 10-xxx

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES
APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE PASO ROBLES
PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND AUTHORIZING A COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANT**

WHEREAS, the City is required to implement a public education outreach program that promotes the proper disposal of FOG under the Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Sanitary Sewer Systems; and

WHEREAS, the City of Paso Robles Wastewater Division intends to partner with Paso Robles Public Schools to educate students about Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) and work with the City to develop a public education campaign to inform the community about proper FOG disposal; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles does hereby approve the proposed MOU, Exhibit A.

The Mayor is authorized to sign the MOU on behalf of the City, and to approve amendment to or to terminate the MOU per the terms of the agreement.

The Industrial Waste Manager is designated as the City liaison with the Service Learning Coordinator with Paso Robles Schools will administer this agreement.

SECTION 2. The City Council does hereby authorize a grant of \$3,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund to Paso Robles Public Schools for the purpose of public education on FOG.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 16th day of November 2010 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Duane Picanco, Mayor

Caryn Jackson, Deputy City Clerk

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES
AND THE PASO ROBLES PUBLIC SCHOOLS

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into between the City of El Paso de Robles (City) and the Paso Robles Public Schools (PRPS) for the purpose of defining responsibilities and commitments with regards to a Service Learning Community Grant Opportunity.

Recitals

WHEREAS, the City intends to partner with the PRPS by providing a grant for teachers to partner with the City's Wastewater Division to learn about issues related to Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) in the sewers; and

WHEREAS, the City is required to implement a public education outreach program that promotes the proper disposal of FOG under the Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Sanitary Sewer Systems; and

WHEREAS, the PRPS is willing to work with the City to develop a public education campaign to inform the community of the importance of keeping FOG out of the sewer system; and

WHEREAS, students can influence family members to change behaviors about disposing FOG to the sewer system which can have a long term effect on preventing Sanitary Sewer Overflows caused by grease blockages.

NOW THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

SECTION I

THE CITY AGREES:

- (1) To work with the Service Learning Coordinator with the PRPS to implement the Service Learning project.
- (2) To provide the technical assistance to teachers and their students participating the in the grant about the sewer system issues related to FOG and the development of a public education campaign.
- (3) The City will provide participating classes with a free field trip to the wastewater plant to learn about collection system maintenance and wastewater treatment.

SECTION II

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREES:

- (1) To work with the City to develop an appropriate public education campaign.
- (2) The grant money is to be used for items related directly to the FOG project. Funding for electronic equipment or classroom materials not related to the project will not be considered.
- (3) The City will pre-approve of expenditures.

SECTION III

IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) The City will provide a grant of \$3000.00 to the PRPS Service Learning Program.
- (2) This project will be completed during the 2010-1011 academic school year.
- (3) This agreement may be terminated by either party by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the other.

PASO ROBLES PUBLIC SCHOOLS

By _____ Date _____
Superintendent

CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES

By _____ Date _____
Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 09-136

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES
APPROVING THE SEWER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the State Water Resources Control Board (State) adopted General Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for all publicly-owned wastewater systems in California with more than one mile of sewer pipe; and

WHEREAS, the City is enrolled under the WDRs; and

WHEREAS, the WDRs require the development of a Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) to reduce the occurrence of sewage spills; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved the SSMP goals, organization, and implementation schedule by resolution in October 2007; and

WHEREAS, the City has prepared the attached SSMP to comply with the WDRs; and

WHEREAS, the WDRs require the SSMP to be considered at a public hearing and approved by the governing agency.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles does hereby approve the attached SSMP.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 20th day of October 2009 by the following vote:

AYES: Gilman, Hamon, Steinbeck, Strong and Picanco

NOES:

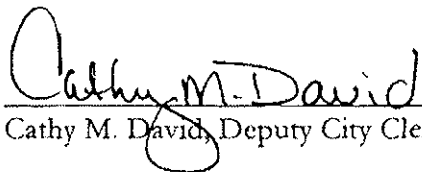
ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:



Duane Picanco, Mayor

ATTEST:



Cathy M. David, Deputy City Clerk