



Legislation Text

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To: Sonoma County Board of Supervisors
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Vote Requirement: 4/5th
Supervisorial District(s): Countywide

Title:

Receipt of State Funding for Hazardous Materials Cleanup

Recommended Action:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing a budget adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Capital Projects Budget in the amount of \$299,141, to reflect receipt of reimbursement from the State of California Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) for previously-completed contamination remediation work. (4/5th Vote Required)

Executive Summary:

The Sonoma County Public Infrastructure Department (SPI) is requesting adoption of a Budgetary Resolution increasing revenues and expenditure appropriations in the Haz Mat Management/Abatement Capital Projects budget by \$299,141, to reflect receipt of reimbursement from the State of California Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) for previously-completed contamination remediation work.

Discussion:

Beginning in FY 2002-03, the County allocated funding to address hazardous materials remediation at County owned facilities. Funding for these activities continued until 2015-16 when other capital projects were prioritized and funding to the Capital Project hazardous materials budget was discontinued.

In 1996, two underground fuel storage tanks (UST) were removed from the former fuel station adjacent to the Agriculture Building at the County Government Center and evidence showed leaks and fuel contamination in the soil and groundwater. Remediation actions took place from 2006 to 2009 and after several years of active soil and groundwater monitoring, case closure was granted by the Water Board in 2012. These remediation costs were paid for from the Capital Project hazardous materials budget over a few years.

County submitted a request for cost reimbursement of remediation expenses through the State of California Water Resources Control Board's Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund (USTCF) program. On February 15, 2023, the County received \$299,141 in reimbursement.

The recommended action would allocate the State funds to be used for future costs of mitigating and abating hazardous materials (HazMat) and hazardous waste within County facilities. Staff plans to prioritize use of the funds for needs at Los Guillicos Campus.

Hazardous materials ("HazMat") are present in various forms and degrees at most of the buildings and

grounds at the County Government Center. These HazMat compounds include, without limitation, asbestos, lead, mold (from past water leaks), and petroleum-related constituents.

In prior years, funding was included in Capital project budget allocations, specifically for HazMat-related scopes including:

- Obtaining regulatory permits - BAAQMD, SRFD, CalOSHA
- Hazardous Materials Management
- Programs Admin. - IIPP, RPP, ATD
- Materials sample analyses database
- Stormwater Pollution Prevention
- Waste management and disposal
- Facilities Operations Training
- Accidental spill response
- UST & AST Management
- Internal consulting & Phase 1 prescreening

Beginning in fiscal year 2015-16, funds were no longer allocated to dedicated HazMat activities; however, the need to perform these duties has continued and costs have been funded through the Capital Projects and Facilities Operations budgets.

Summary of staff expenses related to HazMat historically has been:

- FY 2016-2017 \$ 96,204
- FY 2017-2018 \$155,361
- FY 2018-2019 \$ 69,369 ^{1,2}
- FY 2019-2020 \$ 82,365 ²
- FY 2020-2021 \$ 53,771 ²
- FY 2021-2022 \$ 54,912 ²

¹⁻ Safety & HazMat position eliminated & employee transferred to Capital Projects

²⁻ Certain investigatory tasks incorporated in project’s’ scopes & outsourced.

Capital Projects and Facilities Operations’ Safety & HazMat programs have successfully provided regulatory compliance and minimized risk and liability. Continued effort is needed and quick response to corrective action is necessary to ensuring safety and mitigating liability. Establishing a budget for future HazMat related expense will help to assure ongoing regulatory compliance and responsive management to unplanned occurrences.

Strategic Plan:

N/A

Prior Board Actions:

None

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY 22-23 Adopted	FY23-24 Projected	FY 24-25 Projected
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested	\$299,141		
Total Expenditures	\$299,141		

Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal	\$299,141		
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
Total Sources	\$299,141		

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

These funds may be used for a variety of hazardous waste removal projects, spill response, materials sample analyses, hazmat training, and addressing any unforeseen hazmat issues, including any that may arise during the completion of capital projects.

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

N/A

Attachments:

Budget Resolution

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:

None