

Legislation Text

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Stormwater Master Plan (Goal 5)

RECOMMENDED ACTION (Motion):

Staff will provide an update on the status of the latest work on the Stormwater Master Plan and support a discussion on the City's next step of completing a rate and System Development Charge (SDC) analysis and to ultimately adopt rates appropriate to complete the programs and projects included in the Master Plan.

BACKGROUND:

Goal 5: Maintain Fiscal Health & Long Term Stability Stormwater Master Plan

* Update the Stormwater Master Plan, Capital Improvement Plan and complete a Rate Study and System Development Charge analysis for the City's stormwater system. *Adopt the appropriate Rate and System Development Charge to implement the projects identified in the Master Plan.

Beginning in the early 1990s, the United States Environmental Protection Agency began requiring National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits. This was in response to an increased awareness that stormwater runoff, if not handled appropriately, can adversely affect water quality.

Stormwater management is critical to maintaining and enhancing livability within Oregon City. Updating the Stormwater Master Plan is one of the City's obligations under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Phase I Permit. Best management practice (BMP) Element 7-6, "Conduct Master Planning and Implement Capital Projects for Stormwater Quality Enhancement," identifies that a citywide master plan must be updated.

In 2016, the City retained Brown and Caldwell to perform planning and engineering services to develop a new Stormwater Master Plan. That original contract anticipated a June 30, 2017, completion date. However, after a variety of delays and priority changes, the document is now expected to be presented to the public and City officials for adoption in 2019.