



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD RECOMMENDATION 20140521 005b

Date: May 21, 2014

Subject: Watershed Protection Department Budget FY 2015

Motion By: Mary Gay Maxwell

Second By: Mary Ann Neely

RATIONALE:

Whereas the Environmental Board is in complete agreement with the buyout of properties in Onion Creek as a result of the Halloween flood of 2013, and supports the City Council in its efforts to acquire funding to accomplish the buyout, and

Whereas the Watershed Protection Department has already contributed \$19 million for the buyout in Onion Creek in FY 14, and

Whereas the proposed budget including the out years beyond FY 15 includes \$30 million of additional monies for the buyout with the debt service to be paid by the Watershed Protection Department, and

Whereas a proposed addition of \$.75 over and above the FY 15 proposed \$.60 increase for the Drainage Utility Fee is being considered in order to procure \$78 million to complete the buyout program, now

Therefore the Environmental Board directs the Chair of the Board to write to the City Council expressing the concerns of the Board that the Watershed Protection Department is bearing an undue financial burden, and the Board urges City Council to explore other options of procuring the funds to complete the buyout, such as including the buyout in the upcoming bond election.

VOTE 5-0-0-2

For: Maxwell, Neely, Schissler, Smith and Walker

Against:

Abstain:

Absent: Deegan and Perales

Approved By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Gay Maxwell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mary" and last name "Maxwell" being the most legible parts.

Mary Gay Maxwell, Environmental Board Chair