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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 2, 2017

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND EMPLOYMENT

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Authority to Accept the Executive Director's 2018 Budget Recommendations and the Attached Changes

Dear Sir:

The attached changes to the Executive Director's 2018 Budget Recommendations (BF-19 budget forms) are submitted for your consideration during the Committee on Budget and Employment Special Meeting beginning on November 2, 2017. The requested net changes to appropriations are summarized below:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>NET CHANGE</u>
CORPORATE	General Administration	\$0
	Monitoring & Research	0
	Maintenance & Operations	<u>0</u>
	TOTAL CORPORATE FUND	<u>\$0</u>
CONSTRUCTION		\$48,000
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BOND		\$26,040,700

The total appropriation request for the 2018 Budget is \$1,137,968,186, an increase of \$26,088,700 from the initial appropriation request of \$1,111,879,486. Compared to the 2017 total adjusted appropriation of \$1,142,749,813, this is a decrease of \$4,781,627, or 0.4 percent.

The estimated total tax levy for the 2018 Budget is \$620,737,284, unchanged from the initial budget request. Compared to the 2017 total adjusted levy of \$598,705,062, this is an increase of \$22,032,222, or 3.7 percent.

The total appropriation request for the Corporate Fund is \$366,579,800, unchanged from the initial budget

request. The net zero change in appropriation is due to changes in the project schedule and cost estimates.

The total appropriation request for the Construction Fund is \$24,842,100, an increase of \$48,000 from the initial budget request of \$24,794,100. The change in appropriation is due to changes in the project schedule and cost estimates. Compared to the 2017 adjusted appropriation of \$34,450,400, this is a decrease of \$9,608,300, or 27.9 percent.

The total appropriation request for the Capital Improvements Bond Fund is \$304,468,400, an increase of \$26,040,700 from the initial budget request of \$278,427,700. The change in appropriation is due to changes in the project schedule and cost estimates, and the addition of one project related to the digester rehabilitation and gas piping replacement at the Stickney WRP. Compared to the 2017 adjusted appropriation of \$354,625,600, this is a decrease of \$50,157,200, or 14.1 percent.

Revised budget pages 42-43 include appropriation changes with no changes to the estimated tax rate.

Revised budget page 53-54 summarizes the appropriations and position counts and reflects all proposed changes for the 2018 Budget. There is a decrease of one position in the Corporate Fund from the Executive Director's Recommended Budget due to the drop of one Engineering Technician IV from the Maintenance & Operations Department. The total number of positions requested for 2018 is 1,968, a net decrease of 74 positions from 2017.

Revised budget pages 73-75 present a summary of revenues and expenditures for all funds for 2018, as budgeted, and 2017, as estimated.

Revised budget pages 90-91 present estimated revenue and balance sheets for the Capital Improvements Bond Fund due to the addition of one project and changes in project schedules.

Revised budget page 92 presents estimated balance sheets for the Construction Fund due to changes in cost estimates and project schedules.

Revised position analysis pages for three departments in the Corporate Fund reflect the following changes:

General Administration: Section 052 on page 132 shows the implementation of a crosshatch #2 on one Compliance Officer #2 to one Diversity Officer.

Monitoring & Research: Section 161 on page 157 shows the addition of a crosshatch #1 on one Senior Environmental Chemist.

Maintenance & Operations - General Division: Section 679 on page 262 shows the drop of one Engineering Technician IV.

Revised budget pages 350-351, 431-432, 490, and 503-504 provide an updated list of capital projects for the Construction Fund, the Capital Improvements Bond Fund, the Stormwater Management Capital Improvements Bond Fund, and the Stormwater Management Fund.

BF-19 budget forms, pages 1 through 7, detail all requested changes in appropriation and staffing. Revised "Pink Pages" 30-32, 39, and 42-44 reflect the BF-19 staffing changes.

Requested, Eileen M. McElligott, Administrative Services Officer, SAR:SKL

Respectfully Submitted, Kari K. Steele, Chairman Committee on Budget and Employment

Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Special Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for November 2, 2017

Attachments

- 1) Revised budget pages 42-43, 53-54, 73-75, 90-92, 132, 157, 262, 350-351, 431-432, 490, and 503-504 dated October 25, 2017
- 2) BF-19 budget forms, pages 1-7, dated October 25, 2017
- 3) Revised "Pink Pages" 30-32, 39, and 42-44, dated October 25, 2017