"Placerville, a Unique Historical Past Forging into a Golden Future"

City Manager's Report December 11, 2018 City Council Meeting

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Item #: 12.3

Subject: Approve the proposed Annual Measures H/L Report to the Community as presented

and authorize staff to distribute the Report with the January 2019 utility bills.

**Purpose:** To provide City Council and the Community with an update on the status of Measures H and Measure L sales tax funded projects to date.

# **Background:**

In November of 2010, Placerville voters approved Measure H, which is a 30-year 0.25% local transaction and use tax. The use of Measure H revenue is restricted to assist with the repayment of Hangtown Creek Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) upgrade debt and to fund water and wastewater improvement projects. Ordinance No. 1639 required the establishment of a five member Citizens oversight committee by the operative date of the Measure, which was established on April 1, 2011, by Resolution 7880.

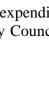
In November of 2016, Placerville voters approved Measure L, a 20-year local transactions and use tax for 0.50% to fund water, sewer, storm drain, and street repairs and maintenance. The adopted Ordinance No. 1685 also required a five member Citizen oversight committee by the Operative Date of the Measure, which was established on April 1, 2017. On February 14, 2017, Council amended Resolution 7880 by adopting Resolution 8494, which established the Measures H/L Sales Tax Committee. The role of this committee is to review revenue and expenditure of funds from the two adopted tax measures, act in an advisory capacity to the City Council, and make recommendations for expenditures to the City Council.

#### **Discussion:**

Currently, both Measure H and Measure L revenues are primarily being used to fund street, sewer, and water Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects. To date, the following projects have been completed:

- 5 Water system projects
- 7 Sewer collection and treatment projects
- 8 Roadway paving projects
- 2 Combined projects (utilities and roadway)

With Measures H and L, a total of 22 CIP projects have been delivered for the community. Of that total, 19 have been Measure L projects, averaging delivery of approximately 1 project per month for the past 18 months since its Operative Date of April 1, 2017. Additionally, Measure H



revenues contribute \$516,070 each year toward the debt service for the Hangtown Creek Water Reclamation Facility which helps minimize wastewater rates for the community.

At its meeting held on May 17, 2018, the Measures H/L Sales Tax Committee formally requested an annual report be prepared on the two tax Measures to be distributed with the utility bills. Staff prepared a draft Report to the Community and presented it to the Committee at its meeting held on December 3, 2018. The Committee reviewed the Report and provided several suggestions for improving it. The revised Report, including the Committee's suggestions, is attached for Council's review and approval. If approved, staff will distribute the Report with the January 2019 utility bills and provide copies of the report at City offices and the City's website.

# **Options:**

- 1. Approve the Report as presented and authorize staff to distribute it with the January 2019 utility bills.
- 2. Make changes to the Report and authorize its distribution with the January 2019 utility bills.
- 3. Take no action.

#### Cost:

The estimated cost of printing the Report for the utility bills is \$1,250.

# **Budget Impact:**

Staff anticipates the \$1,250 estimated cost of printing the Report can be absorbed by the adopted Operating Budget.

### **Recommendation:**

Approve the proposed Annual Measures H/L Report to the Community as presented and authorize staff to distribute the Report with the January 2019 utility bills.

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### Attachments:

1. Annual Report to the Community Brochure