

STAFF REPORT

DATE: January 13, 2009

TO: Water/Sewer Committee

FROM: Lonnie Thibodeaux, Water Utilities Director

SUBJECT: **RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND APPROVAL OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE MISSION SAN LUIS REY WATERLINE PROJECT AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY ENGINEER TO CALL FOR BIDS.**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the Water/Sewer Committee recommend that the Utilities Commission recommends that the City Council adopts the Mitigated Negative Declaration; approve the plans and specifications for construction of the Mission San Luis Rey Waterline Project located between Peyri Drive and Mission Avenue; and authorization for the City Engineer to call for bids.

BACKGROUND

The Mission San Luis Rey area currently has inadequate fire service. Water lines in Mission Avenue and El Camino Real are not connected, leaving the area in between dependent on wells to provide all water. Infrastructure improvements are needed to provide enough water volume to provide fire flow and to serve the area with water from the City's distribution system.

The Mission San Luis Rey Water Line project was submitted as part of the City's request for 2003 federal appropriations. The City's federal lobbyists, the Ferguson Group in Washington, D.C., were instrumental in locating the appropriate funding source for this project. With their assistance, the City requested \$238,500 from the EPA's State and Tribal Assistance Grant in the fiscal year 2003 VA-HUD-Independent Agencies Appropriation bill.

In April 2003, the EPA notified the City that the project had received funding from the EPA's fiscal year 2003 Appropriation of up to \$238,500, with a requirement of at least \$195,136 in matching funds from the City. In June 2003, the Water Utilities Department applied for the EPA Appropriation grant for the design and construction of the waterline that would serve the Mission San Luis Rey area. Approval of the grant request was received in September 2003.

Since this time the City has been in negotiations with the State Historic Preservation Office to complete the required Section 106 consultation for the project. This consultation is required before the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) can be completed with all parties since the findings of the Section 106 consultation must be incorporated into the MOA. The consultation was completed in the fall of 2006. On January 17, 2007 the City Council approved the grant funds and authorized the execution of the MOA.

In 2008, exploratory excavations were completed along with the preparation of a Historical Properties Treatment Plan (HPTP) in compliance with the MOA. The Mission and Parish have also granted the City the appropriate utility easements in conjunction with the waterline project.

ANALYSIS

The City received this grant as part of the 2002-2003 Federal Omnibus Appropriations bill. This grant provides full funding for 55 percent of the project for a maximum amount of \$238,500 and requires the City to provide a minimum of 45 percent matching funds of not less than \$195,136.

The project consists of the installation of 2,103 LF of 10-inch PVC waterline; 1,585 LF of 10-inch PVC waterline in front of the Mission in the parking area connecting Peryi Drive and the east side of the property and 518 LF of 10-inch PVC waterline along the east property boundary to provide fire protection to the rear of the Mission (Exhibit A). There are also seven fire hydrants proposed to connect to this 10-inch line. The total project cost has been estimated at \$708,683 which includes the Environmental Assessment, design, archeological investigation and construction.

FISCAL IMPACT

The terms of the EPA grant require 45 % matching funds. Funding for the project will be broken down as follows:

EPA Grant	\$238,500
City Matching Funds	\$208,722
<u>Mission San Luis Rey Contribution</u>	<u>\$261,461</u>
Total contract budget	\$708,683

The Water Utilities Department's matching funds and the Mission San Luis Rey's contributions combined exceed that required by the EPA grant for minimum matching funds and therefore the requirements have been satisfied.

The Mission San Luis Rey Waterline fund has a balance of \$1,083,908. The total contract budget is \$708,683. Therefore, adequate funds are available for the project.

CITY ATTORNEY’S ANALYSIS

The documents are being reviewed by the City Attorney.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The City’s standard insurance requirements will be met.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

Does not apply.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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Exhibit A: Site Map