

AGENDA ITEM #: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: April 22, 2019

CAR #: 2019-6638



## CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

**SUBJECT:** Issuance of an Underground Drainage Easement for Flood Control Purposes to the Flood Control District of Maricopa County

**STAFF PRESENTER(S):** Linda Beals, Real Estate Coordinator

**OTHER PRESENTER(S):** None

**Summary:** The Flood Control District of Maricopa County, a political subdivision of the State of Arizona “Flood Control District”, has been working on the development of a the White Tanks FRS # 4 Outlet Facility pipeline to outlet storm water from the White Tanks FRS No. 4 Dam to the Loop 303 Outfall Channel. The Flood Control District has requested an easement for the pipeline within Van Buren Street from Citrus Road to Cotton Lane.

### **Recommendation:**

Approve the issuance of the Underground Drainage Easement for Flood Control Purposes “Easement” contingent upon approval by the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors and receipt by the City of the original executed document from the Flood Control District.

**Fiscal Impact:** There will be no fiscal impact to the city in the fiscal year 2019 or future years related to the issuance of this Easement.

## **Background and Previous Actions**

The White Tanks FRS # 4 dam, located at the northwest corner of Jackrabbit Rail and Van Buren Street, was originally constructed in 1954 by the U.S. Soil Conservation Service (now the Natural Resources Conservation Service), and is operated and maintained by the Flood Control District. The dam receives storm water runoff from the southeast side of the White Tanks Mountains, as well as from storm water facilities located to the north. The Flood Control District is currently overseeing the design of the of the dam rehabilitation improvements. The dam currently does not have a dedicated drain-down connection to the Gila River, which is located approximately five miles to the south.

The White Tanks FRS # 4 outlet facility project will construct a storm drain beginning at the upstream dam, continuing east within the right-of-way of Van Buren Street and tie in to the Loop 303 drainage channel just west of Cotton Lane.

The portion of the pipeline starting at Citrus Road continuing to the Loop 303 drainage channel just west of Cotton Lane are located with the city's jurisdiction.

### **Staff Analysis**

City staff has reviewed the Flood Control District's plans for the portion of the project within the city and approved the plans contingent upon Flood Control District obtaining the Underground Drainage Easement for Flood Control Purposes. One of the key benefits to the city included in the Easement language is the ability for the city to tie into the pipeline for the purpose of drain-down of retention basins of adjacent development. Therefore, city staff recommends approval of the issuance of the Easement contingent upon approval by the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors and receipt by the City of the original executed document from the Flood Control District.

### **Attachments**

Underground Drainage Easement for Flood Control Purposes