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RENO
Memorandum

DATE: November 6, 2024

TO: Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Jackie Bryant, Interim City Manager

FROM: John Flansberg, Regional Infrastructure Administrator
Kayla Garcia, Management Analyst

DEPT: Regional Infrastructure

SUBJECT: Regionalization of wastewater utility planning, management, and effluent disposal.

This memorandum is provided as an update to the City Council and no action is being requested.

At the November 6, 2024, concurrent meeting of the Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC) and Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (NNWPC), an action item was approved for staff to "solicit professional services and qualifications for a regional wastewater and effluent disposal feasibility study and to utilize the NNWPC working group to select a firm most suitable for meeting the evaluation objectives."

Additionally, there was discussion about including regional stormwater management in the study. Representatives from Reno, Sparks, and Washoe County expressed operational concerns regarding staffing and the management of major rainfall and flooding events, as well as the collective use of staff for timely responses to such events. As a result, the study will incorporate these stormwater management considerations.

It is anticipated that a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) will be released within the next week, with the evaluation of submittals scheduled for January 2025. The NNWPC working group will present their recommendations at the NNWPC's regularly scheduled meeting on February 5, 2025. If approved, the recommendation will be forwarded to the WRWC for consideration at their regularly scheduled meeting on February 19, 2025.

Please reach out to John Flansberg, Regional Infrastructure Administrator, if you have any questions at 775.399.2184 or flansbergj@reno.gov.