



CITY OF WHEATLAND

CITY COUNCIL MEETING STAFF REPORT

November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Authorizing City Manager to Cast City's Ballots in Favor of Assessments in Election Being Conducted by Reclamation District 2103 and Reclamation District 817

PREPARED BY: Jennifer Buckman, City Attorney

Recommendation

Adopt Resolution No. 40-21 authorizing the City Manager to cast the City's ballots in favor of the assessments being proposed in the election being conducted by Reclamation District 2103 and Reclamation District 817 (collectively, the "Reclamation Districts").

Background/Discussion

As set forth in the staff report explaining the assessment being proposed by the Reclamation Districts, which the City Council reviewed and discussed at its October 26, 2021, meeting, the Reclamation Districts propose to increase assessments to obtain sufficient funding to make needed improvements to the regional levees. These levees protect property within the City, and in other areas, from flooding in high-flow events.

The Reclamation Districts are conducting an election to determine whether they are authorized to impose these increased assessments. As an owner of properties within the Reclamation Districts, the City is entitled to cast its ballots in this election. To do so, the City Council must direct the City Manager whether to cast the City's ballots for or against the proposed assessments. Staff recommend that the City vote in favor of the proposed assessments, for all the reasons set forth in the October 26, 2021, staff report.

Alternatives

The City Council may choose not to authorize the City Manager to vote for the assessments, in which case the City's ballots would not be cast. The City Council could also direct the City Manager to cast the City's ballots against the proposed assessments.

Fiscal Impact

If the assessments pass, the City will realize some savings, as detailed in the staff report presented on October 26, 2021.

Attachments

1. Resolution 40-21

RESOLUTION NO. 40-21

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEATLAND
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO CAST THE CITY'S VOTES IN FAVOR OF
THE ASSESSMENTS PROPOSED BY RECLAMATION DISTRICT 2103 AND
RECLAMATION DISTRICT 817**

WHEREAS, the City owns property within the boundaries of both Reclamation District 2103 and Reclamation District 817 (collectively, the "Reclamation Districts"), and these properties are benefited by the levees that are owned and maintained by the Reclamation Districts; and

WHEREAS, the Reclamation Districts have initiated an election to determine whether to increase the assessment on certain properties, in order to provide funds to bring the levees up to current standards; and

WHEREAS, the City has received ballots for its properties and is entitled to vote in the election related to the assessments; and

WHEREAS, at the regular City Council meeting on October 26, 2021, the City Council heard a presentation from staff related to the proposed assessment and the bases therefor, and at the conclusion of the discussion, the City Council directed staff to prepare a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to cast the City's votes in favor of the assessment and to bring the item back for consideration by the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, for all the reasons set forth in the staff report presented to the City Council on October 26, 2021, that the City Council of the City of Wheatland does hereby direct the City Manager to cast all of the City's ballots in favor of the proposed assessments by marking "yes" at the indicated place on the ballots and returning them consistent with the instructions provided by the Assessment Districts.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly and regularly introduced and adopted by the Council of the City of Wheatland, County of Yuba, State of California, held on the 9th day of November 2021 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of said City this 9th day of November 2021.

By: _____
Lisa J. Thomason, City Clerk

CITY OF WHEATLAND, CALIFORNIA
BY ITS CITY COUNCIL

Rick West, Mayor