

City of Humboldt

Report Title: Storm Water Rebate Program
Date: July 23, 2010
Prepared For: Mayor Eaton and City Council
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Committee of the Whole: N/A

Preamble:

This report is a follow up to the former City Manager's Report of June 28, 2010 regarding a policy for a storm water rebate program.

Current Situation:

The policy has been drafted in accordance with comments received at the June 28th Regular Council Meeting.

Policy Intent

Essentially, the broad intent is to encourage all property owners to flood proof their homes in a manner that aligns with the overall goal of limiting widespread sewer back ups through the sanitary system. This can be achieved by:

1. Installation of back flow devices
2. Ensuring sump systems are properly discharged.
3. Ensuring weeping systems are properly discharged.

Policy Eligibility

The policy as written is to provide a rebate to all property owners(residential and commercial) who undertake the required work.

Policy Delivery

The policy will be executed similarly to the Flood Management Program implemented in 2007.

Options:

- **Approve the policy as attached.**
- **Make revisions to the policy.**

Financial Implication:

Monies received from the Storm Water Management Levy will be used to fund this program. If Council wishes to cap the amount of funding for 2010, it can certainly do so. It is anticipated that the Levy will generate approximately \$75,000 for 2010.

If a cap is established the grant funding would be allocated on a first come first serve basis with those individuals unfunded having to wait until the next budget year.

Communication:

Administration will aggressively advertise this program using all forms of media including the newspaper, website and a pamphlet that will go in all mail box holders.

Attachments:

- **Storm Water Rebate Program Policy**
- **Guidelines for appropriate installation**

Conclusion:

This policy will take effect immediately upon Council's approval.

Recommendation:

That Council adopt a Storm Management Rebate Program Policy to take effect immediately.

Respectfully Submitted:

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