

# TA FY 2018-19 ANNUAL WORK PROGRAM

## PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW DEPARTMENT

#### **City Council Workshop**

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#### Purpose of Workshop

- Update Council on existing work commitments and progress
- Review staffing and workload by Division/Program
- Propose and consider potential new work projects
- Discuss and set Planning and Environmental Review work priorities for FY 2018-19



#### Workshop Agenda

- Presentation
- Questions from Council
- Public comment on draft FY 2018-19 Annual Work Program
- Council discussion, feedback and direction
- Adopt FY 2018-19 Annual Work Program





#### What is an Annual Work Program?

- Comprehensive overview of work of department.
- □ For each Division/Program:
  - Compares current and potential new projects with available staff resources.
  - Estimates current staff capacity/deficit based on (tentative) project schedules.
  - Reports on work progress.
  - Based on estimated completion dates, projects available capacity next fiscal year.
  - Lists and prioritizes potential new projects.

## **Big Picture Takeaways**

- Backlog of existing work
  - Advance and Current Planning Divisions oversubscribed
  - Sustainability Program at capacity
- Will take at least 1 to 2 years to work through backlog
- Currently no capacity to take on new projects
- Limits/constraints to adding new staff capacity (e.g., managerial capacity)
- Prioritize "low-hanging fruit" and concentrate resources on priority projects.

#### **Advance Planning Division**

- □ 3.0 FTEs full-time staff + approx. 3 FTE consultant equivalents
- Responsibilities:
  - 1. Administrative
  - 2. Required Services
  - 3. Energy/Oil and Gas Programs
  - 4. General Plan Amendments
  - Ordinances
  - 6. Environmental Programs and Plans
- Emergency operations support (unplanned)



#### **Advance Planning Division**

Major Current Projects (partial list):

Ellwood Onshore Facility (EOF) Oversight and Permitting

**New Zoning Ordinance** 

Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance

Cannabis Use Ordinance

**Food Truck Ordinance** 

Ellwood Mesa Habitat Management Plan/Butterflies & Trees

Creek and Watershed Master Plan



#### **Current Planning Division**

- 9.0 FTEs + approx. 1.1 FTE contract planner/consultant equivalents
- Responsibilities:
  - Required Services/Administrative
  - Development Services and Project Permitting
  - Special Projects/Process Improvement
  - Ordinances: Historic Preservation



## **Current Planning Division**

Major Projects (besides Permit Processing):

Permit Tracking System (PTS) development

**Standard Conditions** 

Design review process reform/Design Review Board Bylaws

Development of a Permit Procedures Manual

Update of CEQA thresholds of significance, including SB 743

Historic Preservation Ordinance

## **Sustainability Program**

- □ 1.0 FTE
- Responsibilities:
  - Special sustainability-related plans and projects
  - Liaison to local, state and federal sustainability programs



## **Sustainability Program**

#### Major Projects:

100% Renewable Energy Plan

Southern California Edison Distributed Energy Resources RFP

Community Choice Aggregation Implementation

STAR Certification activities toward a Sustainability Plan

Staff Liaison (Green Business Program, South County Energy Efficiency Partnership, Central Coast Sustainability Summit, Bike Share, SustainSB)

Federal programs (National Renewable Energy Lab Solar PV Training/RFP, DOE SolSmart Program)

Statewide Membership Participation (Local Government Sustainable Energy Coalition, Green Cities California)

## Project Tables by Division/Program

- Refer to Word Document
- Tables:
  - 1. Current Programs and Projects
  - 2. Projected Available Staff Capacity
  - 3. Potential New Programs and Projects



## **Workshop Questions**

- What are your priorities among existing PER projects?
- What new projects would you like to see PER pursue?
- For each Division/Program, how do you rank potential new projects?
- Should PER defer taking on any new, major projects until it has made substantial progress on its work backlog?



#### Recommendation

Discuss work priorities and adopt an Annual Work Program for FY 2018-19 for the PER Department.

