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Mr. Zaffar Eusuff
Program Manager
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RE: City of Chino, Pine Avenue Storm Drain Project for Proposition 1E Stormwater Flood Management Grant

Dear Mr. Eusuff,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit formal comments on the staff recommendations for the Proposition 1E Stormwater Flood Management Grant. The City of Chino appreciates the Department of Water Resources (DWR) staff's willingness to answer questions and address concerns from the review of the Proposal Application.

The proposal for the Pine Avenue Storm Drain Project addresses a critical flood risk area in the City of Chino that currently is subject to significant flooding, risks to public safety, water quality issues, and risks to regionally significant infrastructure. Current conditions at the Pine Avenue storm drain contribute to significant flooding during frequent storm events, which results in road closures, impacts to regional circulation, loss and damage to private property, and significant challenges to provide emergency access. The Pine Avenue storm drain is subject to scour events, severe erosion, sediment transport, and water quality suspended solids problems during storm events that affect impaired water bodies downstream. Major storm events risk undermining and slumping the roadway along Pine Avenue, which could damage regional utilities, waterlines, and other significant infrastructure that follow the Pine Avenue alignment alongside and underneath the roadway. Damage to critical infrastructure would have a significant cost associated with repair and the disruption of service. These flood control, public safety, infrastructure, and water quality impacts are caused by the inadequate existing storm drain infrastructure, which needs to be improved as soon as possible.



The City has concerns with some of the review scores contained in the Proposal Evaluation for the Pine Avenue Storm Drain Project. The Program Preference score of 8 out of 10 seems appropriate. However, the City believes that the materials included in the City's project proposal warrant further consideration by DWR staff. Please find attached a comment response matrix, which includes the comments received from DWR staff in our Proposal Evaluation, the City's responses, and additional reference information for elements in the application.

The Proposition 1E Stormwater Flood Management Grant program will provide an investment of over \$200,000,000 in flood protection, water quality, and other benefits to certain communities throughout the state. The City of Chino recommends a re-evaluation of the distribution of Proposition 1E grant funds in order to benefit more communities throughout the state, including those in San Bernardino County. The Pine Avenue Storm Drain Project will help create jobs and foster economic growth in San Bernardino County as well as provide a long term sustainable flood management and stormwater management system to the community. The City believes that allocating 2/3 of an applicant's requested funds would provide a greater benefit because most projects would still move forward with 2/3 of their request and more communities throughout the state would be able to benefit from the grant program.

Before any final decisions on Prop 1E funds are made by the DWR, the City of Chino respectfully requests DWR's re-evaluation of our grant proposal and the allocation of Proposition 1E grant funds. As a follow up, the City would welcome a conference call with DWR staff and/or a direct meeting with the City's representatives to review our grant proposal and discuss key comments. Should you have any questions or require additional clarification, please feel free to contact Jesus Plasencia, Associate Engineer, at (909) 464-0781 or myself at (909) 591-9824.

Sincerely,



Jose Alire
Assistant City Manager

Enclosures: Comment Response Matrix

cc: Craig Cross, Department of Water Resources Project Manager