

City of Rochester Hills AGENDA SUMMARY NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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TO: Mayor and City Council Members

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SUBJECT: NOCWA Interlocal Agreement Update

REOUEST:

The Department of Public Services recommends that an update to the North Oakland County Water Authority (NOCWA) Agreement be accepted, and that City Council authorizes the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

BACKGROUND:

NOCWA consists of the City of Rochester Hills, the City of Auburn Hills, Orion Township and the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner (representing the City of Pontiac). The purpose of NOCWA is to provide better water service to the four communities, maximize the utilization of existing underutilized assets (for example, Pontiac water storage tanks), and to increase overall efficiency by operating as a small regional district instead of four individual communities.

NOCWA has created tangible economic benefits for the City of Rochester Hills such as sustaining water rates, sharing best management practices with neighboring communities and enhancing our communication, improving water system pressures for some customers during high water demand, maximizing existing infrastructure, and reducing future capital expenditures.

The original and existing NOCWA Interlocal Agreement was formally approved by all communities on September 29, 2014. Over two years have passed since the original Interlocal Agreement was approved, in that time the NOCWA Board has been meeting on a monthly basis and has noted several areas where updates to the Agreement were warranted.

The NOCWA Board tasked the NOCWA Finance Committee to review the Interlocal Agreement and report back with recommended updates. All updates prepared by the NOCWA Finance Committee, were reviewed by the NOCWA Operations Committee, NOCWA attorney, and were approved unanimously by the NOCWA Board at it's November 3 meeting.

A summary of the changes approved by the NOCWA Board is included, along with a version of the prior Interlocal Agreement.

RECOMMENDATION:

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APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Mayor		
Deputy Clerk		