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MEMO

TO: CEA Review Committee

FROM: Nate Loper, Deputy Director of Public Works - Operations

DATE: April 2, 2018

SUBJECT: Request to purchase a 1 ton dump truck in 2019 for \$60,000

We are requesting permission to add a new 1 ton dump truck to the Stormwater Division of the CEA fleet.

The new truck would primarily be utilized by the stormwater facility maintenance crew. This crew is responsible for various maintenance projects associated with over 50 stormwater facilities (not including ditches and ravines) and this number continues to grow every year. They excavate sediment, repair outfalls, remove unwanted vegetation and perform post-storm debris removal to ensure water is flowing properly.

Currently, the stormwater crew does not have a permanent vehicle in its fleet. Therefore, the 2 full time stormwater crew members and their assistants (2-4 other employees) all work out of one seasonal pickup truck. Having a permanent truck in the stormwater fleet, in addition to the seasonal pickup truck, will not only provide adequate space for all of their equipment, but also offer the ability to split up and work at separate job sites when needed.

In addition to the transportation efficiencies this truck would provide, it will also be built with stormwater facility maintenance in mind. It will have a nine foot dump box for hauling dirt, stone and other materials to the job site. The truck will also be used to remove various different materials from the job site. Such as pond sediments, debris and vegetation. In addition, this truck will be four wheel drive giving the Storm Water Crew better access to tough to reach spots during maintenance. With a 14,000 lbs. GVWR, this truck will be able to haul more material, provide better traction and have a higher towing capacity than a standard pickup truck, which is necessary to complete the Storm Water work.

We are requesting permission to add the new 1 ton dump truck to the CEA fleet after it is purchased in 2019. The estimated cost for this truck is \$60,000. If approved, the cost for this truck will be included in the Public Works Department budget requests for 2019.

Thank you for your consideration.