

**PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 4      [19-0832](#)      Forward a recommendation to City Council to Approve the Green Stormwater Infrastructure Plan, Approve Budget Modification No. 7, and Find that the Action is Exempt from CEQA Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15308

Melody Tovar, Regulatory Programs Division Manager, and Liesbeth Magna, Senior Scientist at consultant firm EOA, presented information on the City's Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) Plan. A framework for this Plan was presented to the Sustainability Commission and approved by City Council in 2017. An approved GSI Plan is required to be submitted to the Regional Water Quality Control Board by September 30, 2019, per the requirements of the City's Municipal Regional Permit (MRP). Ms. Tovar and Ms. Magna presented Sunnyvale's GSI Plan, which includes a methodology for identifying and prioritizing areas for implementing GSI; an evaluation of funding opportunities; assessment of GSI potential in capital projects; and an implementation approach.

Staff noted that preliminary modeling showed that Sunnyvale would likely meet its share of current pollutant reduction targets specified by the MRP through ongoing redevelopment. The primary approaches the City will focus on include: screening Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs) for GSI potential; integrating GSI with transportation projects; and requiring new development to treat adjacent roadways and surfaces (e.g., Moffett Park). The GSI Plan is accompanied by a Budget Modification No. 7 to add \$100,000 for assessing GSI potential on planned capital projects.

The Commission asked clarification questions and staff and consultants provided responses on topics including: purpose of funds requested in Budget Modification No. 7; sources of mercury and Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) in urban environments; mechanism of operation of GSI features and effectiveness at removing pollutants; type of vegetation used in GSI features; and anticipated requirements for stormwater quality in the next MRP.

Commissioner Zornetzer moved, and Commissioner Joesten seconded, a motion to recommend Alternative 1: Approve the GSI Plan, Approve Budget Modification No. 7 for \$100,000, and Find the Action Exempt from CEQA Pursuant to Section 15308. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes: 7 -** Chair Paton  
Vice Chair Wickham  
Commissioner Joesten  
Commissioner Kunz  
Commissioner Padgett  
Commissioner Srinivasan  
Commissioner Zornetzer

**No: 0**