



# AGENDA REPORT

City Council

<b>DATE:</b>	December 19, 2023
<b>TO:</b>	Mayor Martinez and Members of the City Council
<b>FROM:</b>	Councilmember Cesar Zepeda
<b>Subject:</b>	Provide Guidance to Staff Regarding the Keller Beach Sewer Project
<b>FINANCIAL IMPACT:</b>	The financial impact is estimated to be \$500,000. A funding source will need to be identified.
<b>PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:</b>	N/A
<b>STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:</b>	Current contractor, Coastland, has not assessed all options provided by the Baykeeper Settlement Agreement; therefore, the community is asking that every option is explored before the City incurs millions of dollars in costs to comply with the Baykeeper Settlement Agreement.
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>	DIRECT staff to (1) use every available option provided by the Baykeeper Settlement Agreement, including replacing or repairing existing sewer pipes, with the last option to move up into the street level; and (2) hire a new contractor to provide a second opinion/peer review on work performed by Coastland and to assess all options provided by the Baykeeper Settlement Agreement – Councilmember Cesar Zepeda (510-620-6593).

**DISCUSSION:**

Coastland, the City's contractor selected to render services obligated to be provided by City in connection with the Baykeeper Settlement Agreement, previously presented options to the community that did not include all options available under the Baykeeper Settlement Agreement. Coastland was a sole-source contractor that failed to properly review and understand the Baykeeper Settlement Agreement. Coastland presented information to the community and indicated they would not be looking at all options; their CEO mentioned they were only contracted to assess one option, which could end up costing the residents thousands of dollars and the City millions of dollars.

Every option must be explored before continuing to move forward with anything further on this project, and a peer-review/second opinion of Coastland's work must be reviewed. City staff should set up a meeting in January with the ad-hoc neighborhood council working group that is dedicated to this project to update them on this project and later update the entire community by no later than the end of February.

**DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:**

None