



STAFF REPORT

CITY of YORBA LINDA

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

DATE: APRIL 21, 2026

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: APPROVE A STORMWATER PERMIT IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF ORANGE

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Amended and Restated National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Stormwater Permit Implementation Agreement between the County of Orange and the Orange County Flood Control District.

SUMMARY

The agreement updates how cities, the County and the Orange County Flood Control District comply with stormwater permit requirements. The agreement was last updated in 2002.

DISCUSSION

Since 1990, Orange County cities, the County, and the Orange County Flood Control District have operated under a shared implementation agreement to meet stormwater permit requirements through the regional Orange County Stormwater Program.

The agreement created a framework for permit compliance, including:

- regional coordination
- municipal staff training
- water quality monitoring and reporting
- implementation of Best Management Practices
- cost sharing among participating agencies

The County has proposed an updates agreement to reflect current regulatory requirements, administrative practices, and program needs.

The recommended agreement:

- continues the County's role as administrator of the regional Orange County Stormwater Program
- clarifies responsibilities for each permittee related to compliance, reporting, monitoring, and Best Management Practices
- updates the budget review process to allow smaller groups of permittees to establish sub-budgets for targeted water quality projects and programs
- continues the cost-sharing approach based on land area and population

The Flood Control District will continue to fund 10% of the countywide annual operating budget. The County and participating cities share the remaining 90% based on the same allocation method. The cost-sharing approach applies to any budgets established for targeted projects among participating agencies.

Approving the agreement allows the City to continue participating in the regional compliance program rather than managing these NPDES requirements independently.

FISCAL IMPACT

None. The City's annual cost is calculated based on land area and population. These costs will be reviewed each year and budgeted under Account 1010340-432870.

ALTERNATIVES

Do not approve the agreement and provide alternative direction.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - Amended NPDES Stormwater Implementation Agreement 2026
