



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

AGENDA ITEM REQUEST

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

TO: Ed Lavallee, City Manager

THROUGH: Len Bramble, P.E., Utilities Director

FROM: Tim Hochuli, P.E., Asst. Utilities Director

DATE: September 13, 2013

SUBJECT: **Southwest Florida Management District (SWFWMD)
Grant Applications**

Background:

The Utilities Department would like to submit applications to apply to the Fiscal Year 2015 SWFWMD Cooperative Funding program due October 4, 2013 for the following projects:

- 1) ***Feasibility Study for Improvements to the Reclaimed Water Interconnect with Sarasota County.*** Implementation of an improvement to the interconnect would allow the city to meet reclaimed water demands during the dry season and limit, or possibly eliminate, the need for customers to supplement their irrigation supply with well water. The City has a reclaimed water interconnect system with Sarasota County; however, due to different operating pressures of the two systems, the City is not able to receive reclaimed water from the County side of the interconnect. The City is only able to send flow to the County system. This application is to request funding for a feasibility study to determine what alternatives are available to allow the City of Venice to receive reclaimed water from Sarasota County through the existing interconnect system. The estimated cost of the feasibility study is \$50,000. This application would request that SWFWMD pay one-half of the cost or \$25,000.
- 2) ***Continuation of the Toilet Replacement Project that was approved by SWFWMD for cooperative funding during FY 2012, FY2013, and FY2014.*** This project replaces older toilets with water conserving models; provides customers with water saving devices; and educates the public on how to save water. The project's cost is \$85,500 with SWFWMD paying half or \$42,750.

Requested Action:

We request council's permission to apply for Cooperative Funding in the amount of \$25,000 for the *Feasibility Study for Improvements to the Reclaimed Water Interconnect with Sarasota County* and \$42,750 for the *Toilet Replacement Project* and to accept funds if selected.

City Attorney and Risk Management Review:

N/A

Funds Availability (account number):

Based on council approval, funds are available in the following account numbers:

- 1) 421-1204-535.31-00 2) 421-1203-533.46-00