



# CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

## AGENDA ITEM REQUEST

### UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

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**DATE:** September 9, 2016

**TO:** Ed Lavalley, City Manager *9/12/16*

**FROM:** Tim Hochuli, PE, PMP, Utilities Director *TAH 9/9/16*

**COUNCIL DATE:** September 27, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) Cooperative Funding Grant Program

**Background:** Utilities Department would like to submit two SWFWMD Cooperative Funding Grant Applications to the Southwest Florida Water Management District for consideration of FY2018 funding:

- 1) ***Advanced Metering Analytics Project (\$22,000):*** The City of Venice Advanced Metering Analytics Project will allow customers to log in to a portal to review their water consumption for the last year, compare consumption to average consumption, notify customers of possible leaks in their plumbing, and send notices to customers regarding water conservation tips and incentive programs.
- 2) ***Toilet Replacement Project – Phase 6 (\$45,000):*** The City of Venice Toilet Rebate and Retrofit Program consists of offering financial incentives to potable water customers for replacing conventional toilets and urinals with water-conserving equivalents, providing rebates for certain water saving improvements, providing do-it-yourself kits, and an educational component.

SWFWMD's Cooperative Funding Initiative will match City funds up to 50% on each project.

**Requested Action:**

We request council's permission to apply for Cooperative Funding with SWFWMD in the amount of \$11,000 for the *Advanced Metering Analytics Project* and \$22,500 for the continuation of the *Toilet Replacement Project*, authorize the City Manager to sign all documents required for the application and to accept funds if selected.

**City Attorney and Risk Management Review:**

N/A

**Funds Availability (account number):**

Based on Council's approval, funds will be budgeted in the FY 2018 budget for these projects.