

STAFF REPORT
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Date: January 13, 2015

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Mark V. Bozigian, City Manager

Subject: **Grant Funding Appropriation for Emergency Watershed Project**

Recommendation:

Approve grant funding appropriation for Emergency Watershed Project Funding to Expense Account No. 399-4200-771 and Revenue Account No. 399-3304-200.

Fiscal Impact:

Project costs are estimated at \$125,000. The State will reimburse the City up to 75% of costs after project areas have been completed. Local sponsors are responsible for covering 25 percent of project costs which can be in the form of cash, in-kind services or a combination of both. We anticipate the City's contribution to be primarily in the form of in kind services.

Background:

The Emergency Watershed Protection Program was created by Congress to respond to emergencies caused by natural disasters. The program is designed to help reduce imminent hazards to life and property caused by floods, fire, drought, earthquakes, windstorms and other natural disasters. The United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is responsible for administering the program locally.

The City of Lancaster has requested emergency funding to provide solutions to the following areas in our City severely affected by dust storms.

1. 30th Street East- 40th Street East, Avenue J- Lancaster Boulevard
2. 10th Street East, Avenue K-8- Avenue K-15
3. 20th Street West, Avenue H
4. Challenger Way- 15th Street East, Avenue I
5. 35th Street East- 38th Street East, Avenue J-8

Because of the emergency nature of this grant, the City would be required to act quickly to complete projects within 10 calendar days after an agreement is signed with NRCS. Grant extensions can be provided several days at a time if there is a justification. However, we would need to prepare as if work was to be completed in 10 days.