

# **BOARD ACTION**

TO:

**Governing Board** 

FROM:

Management

DATE:

February 21, 2020

SUBJECT:

Request for Remote Service - Sweetwater Bicycle Path & Promenade, Chula

Vista, A.P.N. 567-011-05, 18, 28 and 760-648-26

# SUMMARY

As part of the Chula Vista Bayfront Master Plan, the San Diego Unified Port District (Port District) has requested water service for the proposed Sweetwater Bicycle Path and Promenade along a corridor described in draft easement and consent agreements on file at the Authority (Path Corridor) which spans Port District property, three adjacent parcels, and designated right-of-way areas within the Port District and the City of Chula Vista. The Path Corridor is planned to extend along the Chula Vista Bayfront between Gunpowder Point Drive and G Street, near the existing Bayside Park as illustrated on the attached sketch. The requested service is to provide irrigation water for 3.8 acres of irrigated landscaping along the Path Corridor.

The Port District desires to irrigate landscaping within the entire length of the Path Corridor through a single meter fronting right-of-way at the future intersection of E. Street and F. Street, on the north end of the Path Corridor. The meter would supply an irrigation system spanning multiple parcels and right-of-way beyond the Port District's property, creating a remote service condition. Based on staff's review of the water system in this area, the Bayfront Master Plan, and the Water Distribution System Master Plan, it has been determined that providing a water service to the Path Corridor from a combination of multiple meters and water main extensions is neither required nor feasible and would be inconsistent with the water system planned as part of the Bayfront Master Plan. In accordance with the Authority's Rates and Rules, a remote service subject to Governing Board approval will be required to serve the Path Corridor. As further outlined in the Rates and Rules, final easements and consent agreements will be recorded to define the Path Corridor and provide for access and water service through the subject parcels and right-of-way areas.

The proposed water service and meter for the Path Corridor are to be installed as part of the construction of water facilities for the Costa Vista RV Resort by that project's developer. However, the construction of that project is not expected to be completed until the summer of 2021 and the timing for the availability of water facilities is uncertain. In order to meet its more immediate need for an irrigation supply, the Port District is requesting water to be temporarily served from two existing water meters fronting Port District property on F Street, west of Bay

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Boulevard. With the approval of the subject remote service request, the temporary service would be granted. Following activation of the new water facilities for the Costa Vista RV Resort, the temporary service would be discontinued and the irrigation system for the Path Corridor would be transferred to the permanent water meter at the future intersection of E Street and F Street. The parcels, meter locations, and proposed Path Corridor are illustrated on the attached sketch.

## PAST BOARD ACTION

The Board considers requests for remote services on a case-by-case basis.

# FISCAL IMPACT

There will be no cost to the Authority associated with the remote service. The Port District will pay for all costs associated with the installation of temporary and permanent water services.

# **POLICY**

It is the Authority's policy for the Board to consider approval of a remote service to serve an area where it is determined that a water main extension is not required.

Strategic Plan Goal 2: System and Water Supply Reliability: Achieve an uninterrupted, long-term water supply through investment, maintenance, and innovation.

 Objective SR 7: Review proposed development plans and install necessary infrastructure to ensure the facilities meet the required demand, achieve code compliance, avoid cross-connections, and have minimal-to-zero financial impacts to the Authority's ratepayers.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

- 1. Approve the remote service request.
- 2. Reject the remote service request.

# STAFF RECOMMENDATION

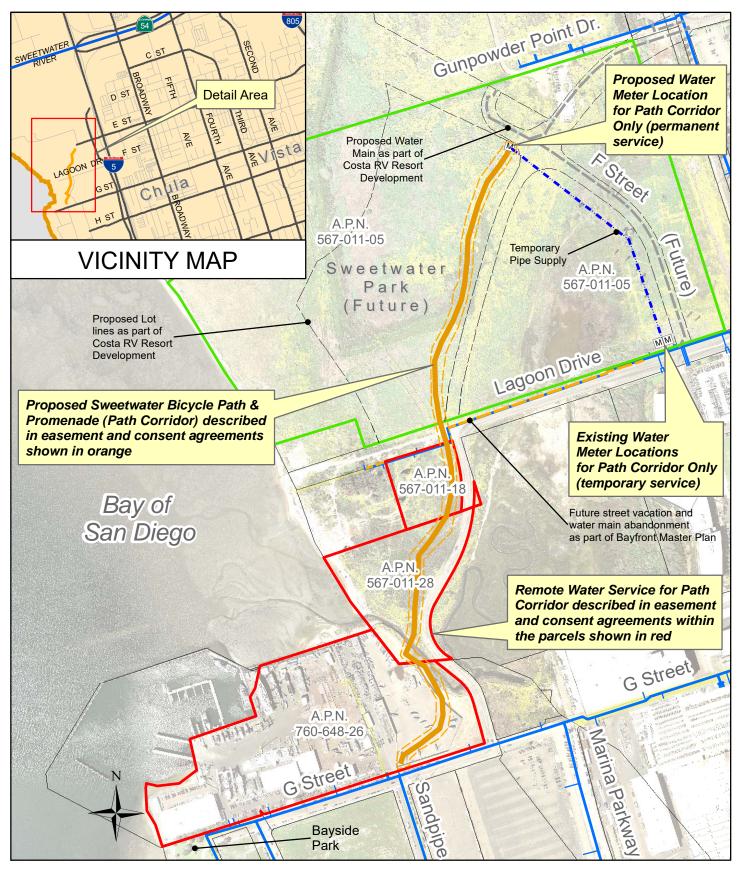
Staff recommends the Governing Board approve the Port District's request for remote service to serve the Sweetwater Bicycle Path and Promenade corridor.

# **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

The Operations Committee concurred with the Staff Recommendation.

## <u>ATTACHMENT</u>

Sketch - Sweetwater Bicycle Path & Promenade



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