



Memorandum

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Mayor Matt Mahan

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: June 17, 2024

Approved

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SUBJECT: REPORT ON BIDS AND AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE 9970 - NEW SINGLETON LANDFILL GAS COLLECTION SYSTEM AND FLARE PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION

1. Accept the staff recommendation.
2. In the spirit of the memo from Councilmembers Doan and Batra, direct the City Manager to include the Singleton Road Site on the list of potential supportive outdoor sleeping/temporary alternative sleeping sites and proceed with necessary feasibility studies.
3. In line with the Council-approved June Budget Message for Fiscal Year 24-25, prioritize the fastest or most efficient projects to meet our aggressive mandates under the Stormwater Permit.

BACKGROUND

Addressing the homelessness crisis will require all of us on the Council stepping up to propose sites for solutions, and I commend Councilmember Doan for advocating for an emergency shelter site within his district. He has shown leadership on this issue by not only communicating the urgency of the crisis we face, but expending significant time and effort identifying potential public and private sites within District 7. Given how quickly we need to scale solutions, I'm concerned that additional Council discussions regarding the viability of specific sites could divert limited staff resources and impact our ability to quickly relocate 500 people out of our waterways.

Despite these challenges, I agree with Councilmember Doan and Councilmember Batra's sentiment that we should continue to evaluate the Singleton site – as staff resources allow – for emergency solutions. Considering the Singleton site will likely require extensive resources and years of remediation to make the land suitable for habitation, staff should prioritize sites that have faster implementation timelines, while continuing to evaluate opportunities to bring the Singleton site online.