



CITY OF COSTA MESA

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Agenda Report

File #: 26-192

Meeting Date: 3/17/2026

TITLE:

CONTINUATION REQUEST OF AN INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER III OF TITLE 15 OF THE COSTA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO DRAINAGE AND ADOPTION OF DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES FOR STORM DRAINAGE AND ADOPTION OF A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AS PART OF THE NEXUS STUDY AND COMPLETION OF THE STORM DRAIN SYSTEM MASTER PLAN (SDSMP) UPDATE

DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT / ENGINEERING DIVISION

PRESENTED BY: RAJA SETHURAMAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council open the public hearing and continue the item to the April 7, 2026, City Council meeting.

BACKGROUND:

The public hearing for the Adoption of Storm Drain Development Impact Fees and associated Nexus Study and Municipal Code amendments was noticed for the March 17, 2026, City Council Meeting. However, following the initial noticing of the item, it is recommended that it be continued to the April 7, 2026, City Council Meeting.

Phase 1 of the Storm Drain System Master Plan update was completed and accepted by City Council on October 15, 2024. This included the following reports:

- Existing Conditions Assessment Report (ECAR)
- Proposed Drainage and Water Quality Improvements

Phase 2 of the Storm Drain System Master Plan is the Storm Drainage Impact Fee Nexus Study. It can be found on the City's webpage at: <https://www.costamesaca.gov/storm>.

All information regarding the Storm Drain System Master Plan Update study can also be found on the City's webpage at: <https://www.costamesaca.gov/storm>.

ANALYSIS:

The public hearing is being continued to the April 7, 2026, City Council Meeting. The City's consultant, Harris & Associates, will be available to present the item at this meeting.

ALTERNATIVES:

There are no recommended alternatives.

FISCAL REVIEW:

A full fiscal analysis will be included as part of the agenda report for the public hearing on April 7, 2026. Revenues from drainage assessment fees are recorded in the Drainage Fees Fund (Fund 209), which has a current uncommitted fund balance of approximately \$200,000.

LEGAL REVIEW:

The legal review will be included as part of the April 7, 2026, report.

CITY COUNCIL GOALS AND PRIORITIES:

The Storm Drain System Master Plan Update works toward achieving the following City Council goals:

- Maintain and Enhance the City's Facilities, Equipment and Technology
- Strengthen the Public's Safety and Improve the Quality of Life
- Advance Environmental Sustainability and Climate Resiliency

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends the City Council open the public hearing and continue the item to the April 7, 2026, City Council meeting.