

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: ALAN ALTON, ACTING CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
SUBJECT: REVIEW OF FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 GENERAL FUND BUDGET
CONDITION AND DISASTER RECOVERY EFFORT

AGENDA ACTION: NO ACTION REQUIRED

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Finance Department that the City Council hold a Study Session to provide an opportunity for the City Council to receive information and ask questions relative to the condition of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19 General Fund budget, the City's disaster recovery effort and its impact on the budget. No action is necessary.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In this initial budget Study Session, the City Council will be presented with an overview of the General Fund, including the General Fund reserves and overall budget condition. The City Council will also receive an update on the City's disaster recovery effort and its impact on the budget, and the status of recovery and mitigation projects. This Study Session will also provide an opportunity for the Council to ask for cost analyses to be performed on new projects. These cost analyses will be discussed at the next budget Study Sessions scheduled for May 15 and 16, for possible inclusion in the FY 2018-19 budget.

BACKGROUND

The City's budget process began in January. The City held a public hearing on budget priorities on January 9, 2018, to solicit input from the community on items to be considered in the budget. The City Council held goal setting meetings on January 18 and 19, and finalized their goals on January 25, 2018. City departments completed entry of their proposed budgets, which are under review by budget staff.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

None.

ANALYSIS

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This initial budget Study Session will provide the City Council an opportunity to receive a report on the fiscal condition of the General Fund, including the status of reserves and an update on the General Fund's structural deficit, as well as an update on the City's disaster recovery effort and its impact on the budget. This initial budget Study Session was added to allow the City Council to provide direction, including requesting cost analyses, for programs to be considered for the FY 2018-19 budget. Information on new programs will be presented to the City Council as part of the May budget Study Sessions, along with individual department budgets, and the Capital Improvement Program.

The City Council may ask questions and provide direction to staff.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact from holding a study session.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable

ATTACHMENTS

None

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