

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: ALAN ALTON, INTERIM CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
SUBJECT: REPORT ON PUBLIC INPUT FOR USE OF PG&E SETTLEMENT FUNDS

AGENDA ACTION: NO ACTION REQUIRED

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Finance Department that the City Council hold a Study Session to receive a report on the public input for the use of the PG&E settlement funds.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In this Study Session, staff will provide a presentation on the public input received for the use of PG&E settlement funds.

BACKGROUND

In July 2020, the City received a \$95 million settlement from PG&E to recoup damages sustained from the 2017 Tubbs wildfire that were not recoverable through state, federal, or insurance reimbursements. The Council directed staff to solicit input from survivors of the 2017 fires and the community at large on ways to use the settlement dollars. City staff held three virtual community forums and conducted a digital survey from which to receive input.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

None.

ANALYSIS

Staff held three virtual community forums to receive input on the use of the PG&E settlement funds. They were held with fire survivors from Coffey Park; fire survivors from Fountaingrove, Hidden Valley, Montecito Heights, and Oakmont neighborhood areas;

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and the community at large. In addition, staff received over 3,000 responses to a digital survey, and received several emails and letters from residents.

All forums consisted of the same format. Staff presented a brief overview of the settlement amount and unfunded fire recovery projects. Attendees were then asked to provide their input to staff on how to prioritize the settlement funds.

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

- Attachment 1- PG&E Settlement Funds Survey Report

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