


Memorandum

TO: MAYOR REED

FROM: Councilmember Ash Kalra

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: 5/21/2014

Approved  Date 5/21/14

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: Metcalf Air Monitoring Station

Amount of City Funding Required: \$365,000 one time fees for construction and installation of air monitoring station, \$30,000 ongoing maintenance costs.

Fund Type (i.e. General Fund, C&C funds, etc.): General Fund

Proposal Description, including anticipated outcomes (describe how change would affect services for San José residents, businesses, community groups, etc.):

For over 10 years, the residents of South San José have asked for assurances that the Calpine owned Metcalf Power Station is keeping their promise to provide clean and safe air to breathe. Part of the initial contract that allowed the project to proceed was to provide two air monitoring stations, north and south of the plant, to measure air particles and ensure compliance by Calpine.

After many challenges, PRNS has provided a location for the north facing monitoring station, while Calpine has provided the equipment. This proposal would allocate funds to the installation of the station, along with ongoing funds to maintain and monitor the site through a third party vendor. This project would promote sustainability in the community by providing equipment and information needed throughout a public-private partnership with Calpine to provide accurate data on air quality in South San José. It is my belief that Calpine is responsible for the reimbursement to the City for construction, installation, and monitoring costs.

Funding Source

Essential Services Reserve (\$2 million)

Other (Program/Project/Fund): General Fund

Department or Organization: Public Works

Department or Organization Contact (list contact information for the individual that certified cost estimates contained within your recommendation):

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This change is:

One-time Ongoing

The City Service Area to which the change best relates:

- Community and Economic Development Services
- Environmental and Utility Services
- Neighborhood Services
- Public Safety
- Strategic Support
- Transportation and Aviation Services