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	Agenda Item No.	40
	Roll Call No.	<u>17-1578</u>
	Communication No.	<u>17-640</u>
	Submitted by:	Jonathan A. Gano, P.E., Public Works Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving agreement with the U. S. Geological Survey (USGS), U.S, Department of Interior for the operation and maintenance of five (5) stream gaging stations.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the Joint Funding Agreement for Water Resources Investigations for federal fiscal year (FY) 2017/2018 between the USGS, being an agency of the United States Department of the Interior, and the City of Des Moines. The joint funding agreement provides for operation and maintenance of five (5) stream gaging stations within the Raccoon River and Des Moines River watersheds. The joint funding agreement is provided for in a 28E Agreement between the City of Des Moines, the City of West Des Moines, and the Des Moines Water Works.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: The total cost for the period of October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018 is \$54,720.

Funding Source: The funding obligations are as follows:

- City of Des Moines \$35,960
- City of West Des Moines \$11,540
- Des Moines Water Works \$ 7,220

City of Des Moines share is provided in the 2017-2018 Operating Budget, Flood Early Warning System Maintenance Fund, PW248425.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Annually, the USGS and the City of Des Moines execute a Joint Funding Agreement for Water Resources Investigations, which provides for operation and maintenance of river and stream gaging stations located at: 63rd Street on Walnut Creek, Easton Boulevard on Four-Mile Creek, Fleur Drive on the Raccoon River, 63rd Street on the Raccoon River, and 2nd Avenue on the Des Moines River. This year, the Van Meter gage on the Raccoon River is again fully federally funded and not included in this agreement. The joint funding agreement for federal FY 2017/2018 covers the operations and maintenance for the five (5) gages for which the City of Des Moines is obligated to pay \$54,720, which is a \$2,040 decrease in cost from FY 2016/2017.

- Under Roll Call No. 15-1787, dated October 26, 2015, the Des Moines City Council approved a separate 28E funding agreement with the City of West Des Moines and the Des Moines Water Works to proportionally share the City of Des Moines cost for certain gauges. Based on this 28E Agreement, the City of Des Moines share of the \$54,720 will be \$35,960; the City of Des Moines will invoice the City of West Des Moines for \$11,540 and the Des Moines Water Works for \$7,220.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: October 26, 2015

Roll Call Number: [15-1787](#)

Action: [Agreement](#) with the U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Department of Interior for the operation and maintenance of five (5) stream gaging stations, and authorization for City Manager to negotiate a Joint Funding Agreement with West Des Moines and Water Works to share the cost of the gaging stations. Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Mahaffey.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Agreements for continued stream gage operation will be presented annually for Council approval.

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