

**City of Oak Harbor
City Council Agenda Bill**

Bill No. C/A 4.c
Date: September 15, 2015
Subject: Authorizing the Mayor, or
designee, to sign the 2017 Clean
Water State Revolving Fund
(CWSRF) funding application.

FROM: Dr. Doug Merriman, Deputy City Administrator/Finance Director

INITIALED AS APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE COUNCIL BY:

- Scott Dudley, Mayor
- Larry Cort, City Administrator
- Doug Merriman, Finance Director
- Nikki Esparza, City Attorney, as to form

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Authorize the Mayor, or his designee, to sign the City's Fiscal Year 2017 State Revolving Fund loan application.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY INFORMATION

The purpose of this bill is a request to the City Council to authorize the Mayor, or his designee, to sign a Department of Ecology State Revolving Fund loan application. This loan application represents the City's effort to obtain low-interest loans or grants for financing the construction of the new Waste Water Treatment Plant.

The Washington State Department of Ecology's Water Quality Program administers three main funding programs under an integrated annual funding cycle: 1) The Centennial Clean Water Program, 2) the Clean Water Act Section 310, and 3) The Washington State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Program. The Department of Ecology awards grants and loans on a competitive basis to eligible public entities for high priority water quality projects, including the planning for and constructive of Wastewater facility projects. Within certain limits, and based on key financial demographics of the City of Oak Harbor, this form of funding offers low interest rate financing that would be applicable to our WWTP project.

The Washington State Department of Ecology has changed the usual filing date the first week of November to October 16, 2015. As such, City staff members are currently compiling the voluminous financial and technical information required by the funding application, which is accomplished online at Ecology's EAGL website. Accordingly, a copy of the completed application is not available as of the required publication date of this agenda packet. Please note that the application may require the online signature of the Finance Director, acting as the City's application liaison with Department of Ecology. Accordingly, the Finance Director would be signing as the Mayor's designee.

LEGAL AUTHORITY

FISCAL IMPACT

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ATTACHMENTS