



**AGENDA NO: C-1**

**MEETING DATE: November 27, 2018**

**THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE  
WAS RECEIVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL  
FOLLOWING POSTING OF THE AGENDA**

## Dana Swanson

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**From:** Jeff Heller [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 25, 2018 9:25 AM  
**To:** Council  
**Cc:** Dana Swanson; Scott Collins  
**Subject:** Agenda Correspondence-Item C-1 - Mtg 11/27/18

I am relatively familiar with the technical language in the staff report for this item, which asks the council to amend the management contract with Carollo Engineering by adding about \$1.6M for management services. However--after reading it three times---and thinking about it---I am left with several serious concerns.

1. Has this council abandoned the idea of hiring an "owner's representative" to watch over our checkbook?
2. When will we get the results of the feasibility testing for the recycled water component of the project?
3. When will LAFCO approve the purchase of the AG land where the new WRF is supposed to be built?
4. Is this council still determined to install WRF piping along the full length of Quintana Blvd.?
5. Has the WIFIA loan been funded?
6. If the council appointed WRFCAC is genuinely intended to gather citizen input and advise the council, how can this council approve item C-1 with absolutely no review or input from this "citizens advisory group"?

Regards

Jeff Heller

## Dana Swanson

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**From:** betty winholtz [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 26, 2018 9:30 AM  
**To:** Jamie Irons; Marlys McPherson; Matt Makowetski; Robert Davis; John Heading  
**Cc:** Scott Collins; Dana Swanson  
**Subject:** C-1

Dear City Council:

It is likely you will approve this amendment regardless. Therefore, please consider making three changes.

1. **Insist on proper editing.** Here are only 3 examples unaltered, copied directly from the report. For the amount of money paid to Carollo to write and city staff to review, there really is no excuse for shoddy work.

"Subtask 10.1.1 - Resource Regulatory Agency Permitting

The PROGRAM will require a variety of permits from State and federal resource regulatory agencies. It is not yet known whether the PROGRAM can be located outside of Waters of the United States, Waters of the State of California, and other resources under federal or State regulatory protection. Depending on the nature of the activity, it may also require a Streambed Alteration Agreement from the State Department of Fish and Wildlife, action 404 permit pursuant to the Clean Water Act from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Section 401 certification from the RWQCB.

"Subtask 10.1.2 - Land Use Permitting

PROGRAM will require a variety of permits from State and federal land use permitting agencies, notably the California Coastal Commission among others. Coordination with San Luis Obispo County (COUNTY) will also be required because a portion of the PROGRAM may be permitted under the COUNTY's Local Coastal Plan (LCP). In addition, a California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) encroachment permit would be needed if pipelines will be located within the Caltrans right-of-way.

"Subtask 10.1.3 - Annexation This phase of the PROGRAM includes all steps necessary to annex the WRF Project site into the CITY. This includes, but is not limited to, coordinating with LAFCO staff, preparation of necessary application documents and technical reports, and assisting LAFCO staff in preparing staff reports associated with public hearings.....PROGRAM is on the right track, and that the application process will go in a more timely fashion. In this way, if there are issues to be resolved, then they can be addressed early in the process."

2. **Reduce time spent on "outreach" to the community, a cost saving measure.** There are four pages of directives, as much space or more than is given to any one technical area. Normally, I ask for more engagement; however, when I read the tasks, I understand that the intent is for persuasive reasons not informative reasons.

"A communications/media audit will be conducted to review both media coverage of the PROGRAM and current communications methods and materials, and up to ten (10) one-on-one stakeholder interviews will be conducted to help inform message development. An interview question guide and interview findings summary report will be developed and submitted....The purpose of the Strategic Communication Plan is to inform the community about the purpose and *need* for the PROGRAM, and provides additional information on the *many benefits* of potable reuse." (italics mine)

I don't want my hard-earned money that pays my fees to be spent on postcards that are mailed back to me. Cayucos is not building a plant with outreach.

3. **Permit through the City rather than the County.** The tasks imply that permits will be sought through the County, followed by annexation. Rather annex, then permit through the City. Why not?

4. **LAFCO paragraphs raise red flags.**

--The comments regarding LAFCO presuppose there will be issues with annexation. Is this due to the MOU between the City and Tri-W, the landowner the City is buying from?

--It is already anticipated that Carollo will be paid more than this Amendment calls for, just to deal with LAFCO. What is amiss with the FEIR?

--I would like "assisting" defined: "assisting LAFCO staff in preparing staff reports associated with public hearings." In my experience, this language implies influencing the outcome rather than solely supplying data.

Sincerely,  
Betty Winholtz