Item description/summary:

**OPUD match share of WTF upgrades.** With the South County infrastructure project there are some recommended upgrades to the wastewater treatment facility (WTF). It is the consultants working on the grant application for regionalization that these recommended upgrades can be grant funded and as such are asking that we have preliminary design completed in the next couple months so that we can seek grant funding for construction costs. Along with the preliminary design for the WTF upgrades we also have legal costs associated with the agreements with Wheatland, County plan review costs, Caltrans permits costs and other minor costs associated with the grant application and the South County project in general. These costs total roughly $2.6M. I am seeking nearly $1.6M from the Yuba Water Agency to add to our existing forgivable loan for the project. Since OPUD would have to use capacity fees to eventually complete these designs anyway I ask that we use $1M from WTF capacity fees for the preliminary designs for the WTF. If the grant is successful, we would receive funding in the tens of millions for the construction. If we do not receive the construction funding from the grant, then the loan is forgivable. Either way we are covered.

Fiscal Analysis:

Use $1M WTF capacity fees to fund a portion of the preliminary designs for the WTF upgrades.

Employee Feedback

None

Sample Motion:

Move to approve up to $1,000,000 from the OPUD Wastewater Treatment Facility capacity fees for preliminary designs on WTF upgrades.

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