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**SUBJECT:** Thea Foss Waterway Project Update  
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**SUMMARY:**

The Environmental Services Department will be presenting an update on the Thea Foss Waterway cleanup project at the June 14, 2017 meeting of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee. In the summer 2016, the City completed the tenth year of post-construction monitoring of the waterway sediments as required by the Consent Decree with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). A summary of the results will be presented along with a discussion of the next steps in this project. This presentation is for information sharing purposes and no response from the Committee is required.

**BACKGROUND:**

The sediments in the Thea Foss and Wheeler-Osgood Waterways were remediated under a Consent Decree with the EPA in 2006. The City was responsible for this remediation work in approximately 80 percent of the waterway, and has been monitoring the area since construction was completed to ensure that the cleanup remains effective. In addition, the City continues to comprehensively monitor stormwater contributions to the waterway and perform source control investigations and actions as needed to proactively manage this potential source of recontamination to the waterway. Results to date indicate that wide-scale recontamination is not occurring and the City is not recommending any response actions to the EPA. A report of these findings was submitted to the EPA in November 2016. On May 18, 2017, the City submitted a Proposed Long Term Monitoring Plan for EPA review outlining the plan for continued monitoring of the waterway for the next ten years. If approved, the first of three proposed monitoring events during the ten year period will take place in 2018.

**ISSUE:**

Work on this project will be an ongoing effort for the foreseeable future. The intent of this briefing is to provide an update on Thea Foss Waterway cleanup project as well as an outline of next steps and timelines.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

This is an information briefing only. There are no alternatives presented.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This is an information briefing only. There is no fiscal impact.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This is an information briefing only. There is no recommendation.