

City of Alameda

Water Quality and Flood Protection Initiative

Fact Sheet

WHY

- 💧 Alameda residents deserve safe, clean and healthy waterways as well as a reliable storm drainage system that protects against local flooding
- 💧 The City's Storm Drainage System is one of the most important elements of our public infrastructure
- 💧 Stormwater is the number one source of pollution flowing into San Francisco Bay
- 💧 The City's Storm Drainage fees have not been increased in nearly 15 years and the Clean Water Program is running a deficit of approximately \$1 million each year

WHAT

- 💧 Reduce the chance of local flooding by increasing the reliability and capacity of our aging infrastructure including 10 pump stations, 126 miles of pipelines 4,846 inlets and manholes, 96 acres of lagoons and 278 outfalls to the Bay
- 💧 Reduce pollutants and trash that flows to the Bay
- 💧 Increase fiscal accountability and sustainability through a new fee program that includes all property owners paying their fair share with citizen oversight

HOW MUCH

- 💧 The Program's annual costs are estimated to be \$5.45 million (current revenues are only \$2.56 million)
- 💧 The proposed fee will be \$78.00 per year for the average single-family home (in addition to the existing fee of \$56, resulting in a total monthly cost of \$11.17)
- 💧 Other properties will be charged according to their impervious surface area and size of the parcel
- 💧 Fees will raise approximately \$2.89 million per year

WHEN

- 💧 Community meetings will be held on August 28 and September 10, 2019 (see the Notice mailed out in mid-August for details)
- 💧 Public Hearing will be held on October 1, 2019
- 💧 Ballots will be mailed to property owners in early October 2019
- 💧 Ballot must be returned by November 25, 2019
- 💧 If approved, increase will go on property tax bills for Fiscal Year 2020-21