Water Dedication Updates and Extraterritorial Service

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Water Dedication Updates

- Staff is seeing demand for higher density products in the City, which may allow for more affordable housing.
- Current City Code requires the same water dedication for densities of 11 units per acre and higher.
- Water Resources staff worked with consulting engineers to evaluate water usage data for more dense products.
- During this analysis, data also demonstrated that water dedication requirements for slightly less dense products could be reduced as well.

Water Dedication Updates

Units/Acre	Acre-Feet/Unit Dedication Amount Required for Unchanged Water (Current)	Acre-Feet/Unit Dedication Amount Required for Unchanged Water (Proposed)
0 to 3	0.64	0.64
>3 to 4	0.62	0.62
>4 to 5	0.52	0.52
>5 to 6	0.51	0.51
>6 to 7	0.46	0.46
>7 to 8	0.44	0.44
>8 to 9	0.44	0.39
>9 to 10	0.43	0.36
>10 to 11	0.42	0.31
>11 to 12	0.40	0.31
>12 to 13	-	0.28
>13 to 14	-	0.24
>14 to 15	-	0.24
>15 to 16	-	0.22
>16 to 17	-	0.21
>17 to 18	-	0.21
>18	-	0.19

Extraterritorial Service

- Staff has identified instances in which approving requests for extraterritorial utility service may benefit the City and utility.
    - Sable intersection improvement project is requiring acquisition of right-of-way from a property owner that would leave no room for a septic system to serve the home. Connection to a nearby sanitary sewer line will allow owner to continue current use of property.
- In order to allow for Council to review individual instances and circumstances surrounding extraterritorial service, staff is proposing amended language to require a written agreement approved by City Council for any new extraterritorial utility service.

Staff Recommendation

- City staff recommend adoption of the ordinance as drafted.

Thank you for your time.

Questions?