

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Jodie Ledat, Operations Coordinator

SUBJECT: Presentation and Public Hearing on the City's Storm Water Management

Program

BACKGROUND:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) instituted the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) in 1990 to address storm water runoff from large municipalities, construction sites larger than five (5) acres, and ten (10) categories of industrial activity. In 1999, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) assumed authority of the NPDES under the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) and extended the permitting requirements to small and medium-sized municipalities in urbanized areas under the Phase II Final Rule. The Storm Water Phase II Final Rule, which applies to the City of University Park, is the next step in the EPA effort to preserve, protect, and improve the nation's water resources by requiring additional operators of a municipal storm sewer system to implement programs and practices to control polluted runoff.

After gaining approval from the City Council on June 3, 2014, the Public Works Department submitted the revised City of University Park Storm Water Management Program (SWMP) to the TCEQ. The City's SWMP, among other things, requires annual presentation of the SWMP to Council and various advisory committees as well as an opportunity for public comment and questions. This presentation will fulfill these obligations.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is a required presentation and public hearing with no Council action necessary.