



Stormwater Management Program News

First Quarter 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A New Way to Report a Stormwater Problem

The City of Cañon City has introduced a new phone and computer app named "SeeClickFix" which the public can download for free. SeeClickFix allows the user to report a stormwater problem or other issues within the City such as leaking water pipes and other water issues; trees, vegetation and trash; street issues and Code Enforcement issues. The app allows the user to enter comments and upload photos. Reports of issues are automatically sent to the City Department in charge of that issue so it can be addressed as soon as possible. City personnel can also enter comments, keeping the status of the issue up-to-date. SeeClickFix can be downloaded from the App Store for your phone or accessed at <https://crm.seeclickfix.com>

Stormwater Program Annual Review

The Stormwater Program Annual review for 2019 is now available on the City of Cañon City's website at: <https://www.canoncity.org/Archive.aspx?AMID=39>



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2019 Stormwater Program Fiscal Overview

Following is a brief fiscal overview of the program. The information is taken from the 2020 Budget and past budgets for the City of Cañon City.

Revenues:

Stormwater Utility Fees – This fee generates the majority of the funds used to meet the requirements of our Federal and State mandated stormwater management program, for the maintenance of the City's stormwater infrastructure and some capital improvements. The Utility Fee is based upon the area of impervious surface (such as buildings, driveways, patios, sidewalks and other hard surfaces) which is present on each property within the City limits. The current fee is \$0.003696 per square foot per month. Additional revenue is derived from impact fees, runoff management fees, enforcement penalties and supplemental funding from grants.

Expenditures:

Repair/Maintenance – The stormwater program is responsible for the City's stormwater management facilities and infrastructure such as detention basins, drainage channels, inlets, storm manholes, pipes, culverts and outfalls. Funding is provided for both Public Works and contracted services to maintain these facilities.

Capital Outlay – Funds in this category are used for major new stormwater projects and rehabilitation or replacement of existing stormwater infrastructure.

Floodplain Management – Funds are provided for professional consulting services, studies and oversight for compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program.

GIS – The stormwater program relies on Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to meet several program objectives; therefore the program helps support the Fremont County Regional GIS Authority.

Personnel – This is the costs normally associated with staff. Currently the program has one full-time Technician.

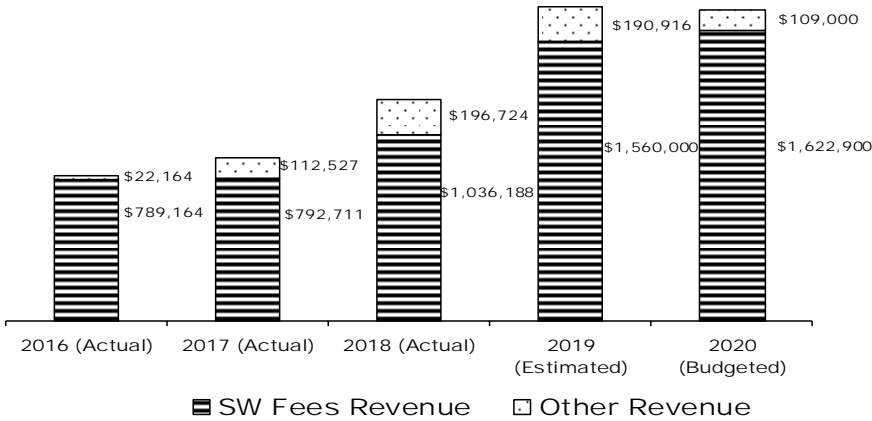
Program Support – This category includes supplies, materials, services and training used in meeting our stormwater management program goals. It also includes reimbursement for technical and administrative support provided by other City departments.

COP Project Fund: This category contains the funds provided by the issuance of the Certificates of Participation for stormwater improvement projects to be completed by the end of 2021.

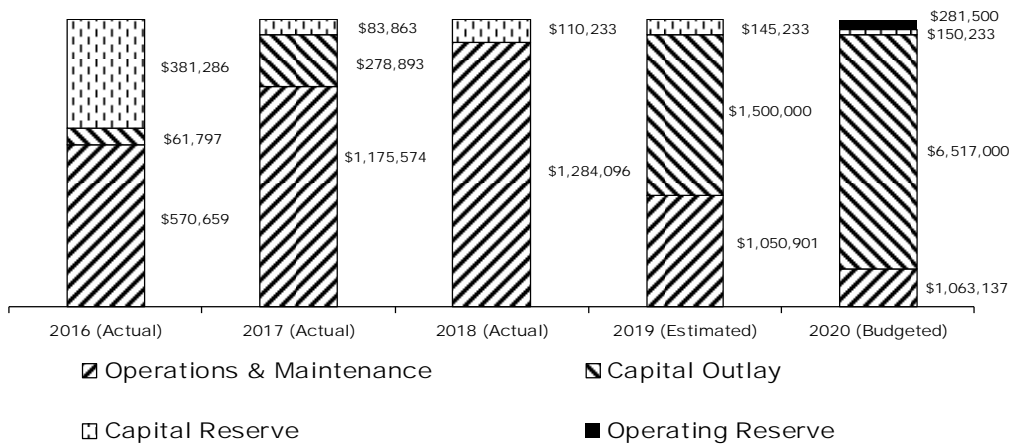
Capital & Operating Reserves - Any and all funds remaining at the end of the year are transferred to capital and operating reserve funds. It is a policy of the City of Cañon City that the utility must maintain a minimum of 75 days operating expenses (approximately 20.5%) in reserve. Funds over that amount are reserved and accumulated for capital improvement projects.

The following charts give an overview of the actual revenues and expenditures for 2016 – 2018; the estimated revenues and expenditures for 2019 and the amounts budgeted for 2020.

Stormwater Revenues



Stormwater Expenditures



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

In November 2018 City Council approved borrowing \$8 million through issuance of Certificates of Participation to fund a stormwater capital improvement project with specific projects.

In January 2019, a Stormwater Project Prioritization Committee met several times to produce a list of priority projects to present to City Council. Following are the projects which were approved, along with the project status.

Dawson Ranch Culverts:

The culvert replacements are under construction with a projected completion of July, 2020.

9th Street – US Highway 50 to Mystic Ave:

This project combines both stormwater and drinking water infrastructure upgrades with the 2A Street Reconstruction. Funds for the project come from the Stormwater Capital Improvement funds, Water Utility Funds and the 2A Street Tax Fund. Designs for the upgrades are complete with a projected start date of May, 2020.

Stormwater Utility Fee Update:

Beginning April 1, 2020, the Stormwater Utility Fee rate will be increasing to \$0.004285 per square foot per month. The estimated revenue generated by the increase is an additional \$262,537 annually. This additional revenue will be banked until late fall or early winter 2020, at which time the revenue will be used to purchase a new vacuum truck and fund two full-time positions for stormwater infrastructure maintenance and cleaning.



“When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the Universe.” – John Muir

Please feel free to direct any concerns or questions to Glenda DeBekker, City of Cañon City Stormwater Program at either 276-5265 or grdebekker@canoncity.org.

Abbey Drainage and Rhodes Ave:

Design plans are 30% complete. The projected start of the project is Winter 2020/2021.

WPA Drainage – Water Street to Kountz Ave:

Design plans are 30% complete. The projected start of the project is Winter 2020/2021.