

Title: Resolution Approving 2026 Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Facilities Plan, Volumes 1 and 2**Meeting Date:** May 11, 2026**Section:** Business and Financial Services**Contact:** James Varnado**District:** ALL**Fiscal Impact:** No Fiscal Impact

Summary: The City has been the recipient of several Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) State Revolving Fund (SRF) loans to help finance the construction of water reclamation capital improvement projects. The first step to applying for loans under the program requires the submission of a facilities plan to FDEP. SRF loans offer attractive interest rates (typically less than 3%) with no penalty for early prepayment. A facilities plan lays out capital needs and funding sources for the near future.

Six prior facilities plans have been submitted to FDEP – the first facilities plan required under the SRF Program was approved by City Council on June 21, 2004; the second plan was approved by City Council on April 26, 2010; the third plan was approved by City Council on December 12, 2016; the fourth facilities plan for major expansions at the Water Conserv I WRF was approved by City Council on January 27, 2020; the fifth facilities plan was approved by City Council on December 6, 2021; and the sixth facilities plan was approved by City Council on October 7, 2024.

The City expects to seek SRF funding under the new facilities plan titled, “Clean Water State Revolving Fund Facilities Plan, Volumes 1 and 2” (the “2026 SRF Facilities Plan”). Projects that may be funded under the new plan include:

- Lift Station 2 Force Main Phase 1B
- Iron Bridge Bardenpho Blower Electrical Upgrades
- South Parramore Avenue Improvements

Submission of the 2026 SRF Facilities Plan to FDEP for approval does not constitute a commitment to borrowing a certain amount of funds. However, FDEP approval of the

plan makes the City eligible to later apply for funds for projects identified in the 2026 SRF Facilities Plan, if needed. If funds are sought under the approved plan, all loan agreement applications are brought to City Council for approval. The various projects under the 2026 SRF Facilities Plan are estimated to have construction costs totaling about \$17.8 million.

The State requires the City to present the 2026 SRF Facilities Plan at a public meeting and provide the opportunity for public comment. The duly advertised public meeting was held on May 6, 2026. Following the meeting, City Council is required to adopt a resolution in favor of the plan and commit to dedicating a revenue source for the repayment of the SRF loan. The City's water reclamation system fees and charges are projected to sufficiently exceed debt service coverage requirements on the planned SRF loan proceeds.

There is no fiscal impact at this time. If funds are later sought under the 2026 SRF Facilities Plan, applications and agreements will be brought before City Council with the fiscal impact identified. The City's Water Reclamation System fees and charges are projected to exceed any debt service coverage requirements under the SRF Program.

Recommended Action: Adopt the Resolution Approving the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Facilities Plan, Volumes 1 and 2, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Resolution, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney's Office.