



CITY OF BERKELEY

2018 CLEAN STORMWATER FEE INITIATIVE

FACT SHEET

WHEN

- Berkeley's stormwater system started over 100 years ago
- City's Stormwater Fee Adopted in 1991 as a dedicated source of funding to meet water quality goals; **Fees have never been raised**
- If approved, increase will go on property taxes

WHY

- Stormwater **Number #1** source of water pollution into the San Francisco Bay
- Trash, oil, cigarettes goes into the Creeks and Bay; impacts Berkeley citizens, harms wildlife
- Flooding damages property
- Sink holes threaten life and property; increases pollutants going into Bay
- City's has been running a deficit since 2014; need \$1- 1.5M in additional revenue to sustain basic operations and \$1M for critical capital and to develop a plan for long-term capital

WHAT

- Cleans water before entering Creeks and Bay, cleans trash out of system and repairs drainage system to minimize flooding, constructs capital projects such as sink holes to protect property, clean water, minimize flooding
- 93 miles of storm drains
- 8 miles of Creeks
- 400 trash capture devices to catch leaves, plastic bags, and cigarette butts to prevent them from ending up in the Bay
- 6,000 stormwater structures
- 550 service calls annually from the public during the rainy season

HOW MUCH

- Increase will be \$42.89 per year for average single family house
- Raise an average of \$2.5 million per year
- 1991 fee will stay in place; Increase will be separate and in addition to 1991 fee