

COMMUNICATION

File No. 10-0475-S9
File No. 11-0452-S2

TO: LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

**FROM: COUNCILMEMBER JOSE HUIZAR, CHAIR
COUNCILMEMBER PAUL KORETZ, MEMBER
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR AND MEMBER, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE relative to administration and operations provisions for the Office of Public Accountability (OPA) and status of staffing and related matters.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance for the Administration and Operations of the OPA consistent with the Ordinance Outline Provisions as detailed in the June 19, 2012 OPA, City Administrative Officer (CAO), and Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) joint report (attached to the Council file).
2. INSTRUCT the CAO and the CLA, in conjunction with the OPA, to execute an amendment (Amendment No.3), utilizing existing OPA funds, to the existing agreement with PA Consulting (Contract No. C-118747, CF 10-0475-S9) for an additional \$20,000 for a contract total of \$1,536,000 to provide the OPA supplementary review of the Water Rate Adjustment proposal by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that the total cost of Amendment No.3 to Contract No. C-118747 is \$20,000. Sufficient funds are available in the 2011-12 and 2012-13 adopted budgets of the Office of Public Accountability to fund the amendment. The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power will fully reimburse the City for this cost.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

At its meeting held June 20, 2012, the Energy and Environment Committee considered the June 19, 2012 OPA, CAO, and CLA joint report relative to administration and operations provisions for the OPA, and status of staffing and related matters.

On July 13, 2011, the City Council instructed the CAO and the CLA, to work with the Executive Director of the OPA and City Attorney to develop and report back on reporting requirements, schedules, consumer protection, and complaint procedures. A working group was formed, consisting of the four offices, to shape the contours of an implementing ordinance on these subjects and, more generally, on OPA's administration and operations. The Ordinance Outline (attached to the Council file) reflects the results of that effort. In addition, the report also provides the status of staffing for the OPA as instructed by the City Council on April 24, 2012 through council file 10-0475-S9. Further, the report seeks an additional amendment to the existing contract with PA Consulting to assist the OPA with a supplementary review of a water rate proposal.

During the discussion, representatives from the offices of the OPA, CAO, and CLA gave a brief background of the matter and answered related questions from the committee members. After further consideration and an opportunity for public comment, the Chair and member of the Committee acknowledged the need to move the joint report. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

COUNCILMEMBER JOSE HUIZAR, CHAIR

COUNCILMEMBER PAUL KORETZ, MEMBER
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
HUIZAR:	YES
ZINE:	ABSENT
CÁRDENAS:	ABSENT
ALARCÓN:	ABSENT
KORETZ:	YES

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