

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR AND MEMBER, BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE relative to the potential acquisition of the Taylor Yard G2 Parcel (Taylor Yard G2).

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. CONCUR with the September 26, 2016 actions of the Arts, Parks and River Committee on this matter.
2. REQUEST that the Mayor's River Team report to the Budget and Finance Committee within 60 days with a plan for the utilization of the Taylor Yard G2 parcel, including a budgetary assessment and identification of specific revenue sources for each of the project components.
3. INSTRUCT the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) to report with the cost and project comparison of the L.A. River Master Plan proposal for this site, and compare it with the L.A. River Ecosystem Army Corps project for the parcel, both in terms of utilization and costs.
4. INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and City Administrative Officer (CAO) to report, no more than 30 days prior to the close of the feasibility review period, and provide Council the opportunity to consider exiting the escrow and recovering the deposit prior to the end of that period.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

#### SUMMARY

At a regular meeting held on October 17, 2016, the Chair and a Member of the Budget and Finance Committee considered a joint report from the CLA, CAO, and Department of General Services relative to the potential acquisition of the Taylor Yard G2 parcel, located 2.5 miles northeast of Downtown Los Angeles, for the Los Angeles River Ecosystem Restoration project.

Representatives of the CLA and the CAO, and the City Engineer, addressed the Committee relative to the matter and responded to various questions. During further discussion of the matter, concern was expressed by both the Chair and the Member of the Budget and Finance Committee relative to the cost and scope of remediation, and what options are available to the City during and after escrow. The CLA and BOE advised the Committee that BOE had performed extensive site testing, and that funding amounts stated in the joint report would be sufficient for remediation of the site for its intended purpose, or for remediation to an acceptable level should the City decide to sell the property. Further, CLA and BOE noted that the City would need to negotiate with the State of California and obtain its approval relative to any remediation plans. Lastly, the CLA and CAO advised that both Offices would report to the Committee and Council with further details within 90 days of the escrow period regarding remediation, sources of funding, and negotiations with other agencies relative to portions of the funding..

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Chair and Member of the Budget and Finance Committee concurred with the action on this matter taken by the Arts, Parks and River Committee at its meeting of September 26, 2016, and approved the requests and instructions to the Mayor's River Team, BOE, CLA, and CAO as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,



COUNCILMEMBER PAUL KREKORIAN, CHAIR  
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
KREKORIAN:	YES
ENGLANDER:	ABSENT
MARTINEZ:	ABSENT
BLUMENFIELD:	ABSENT
BONIN:	YES

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