ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to authority to apply, accept, negotiate, and execute an agreement with the State of California for grant funds for the Urban Greening Planning Grant Program under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act (Proposition 84).

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Director, or designee, Bureau of Sanitation (BOS), to accept grant funding from the State of California for the Urban Greening Planning Grant Program for the Wilmington Urban Greening Plan under Proposition 84.

2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION to:

    a. Authorize the submission of a grant application to the State of California's Strategic Growth Council (SGC).

    b. Appoint the Director, or designee, BOS, to conduct all negotiations, to provide additional information, to execute and to submit all grant documents, including but not limited to, applications, agreements, and amendments, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, which may be necessary to receive funding with respect to the implementation of the Wilmington Urban Greening Plan.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Board of Public Works (BPW) reports that the Stormwater Pollution Abatement Fund will provide funding in the amount of $250,000 for the Wilmington Urban Greening Plan Project. There is no impact to the City's General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On April 29, 2014, your Committee considered an April 14, 2014 BPW report and Resolution relative to authority to apply, accept, negotiate, and execute an agreement with the State of California for grant funds for the Urban Greening Planning Grant Program under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act (Proposition 84). According to the BPW, the $5.4 billion Proposition 84 was passed by the voters on November 7, 2006. Proposition 84 authorized up to $17.5 million for the Urban Greening Planning Program (Planning Grant) for the purpose of creating urban greening plans that will serve as the master document guiding and coordinating greening projects. The SGC has been delegated by the State the responsibility for managing the grant program.

On June 20, 2011, Council authorized the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles (CRA/LA) to submit grant applications for the Strategic Growth Council's Planning Grant and Project Grant Programs (Council File No. 10-0540). On May 10, 2012, the SGC awarded $250,000 to the CRA/LA's Wilmington Urban Greening Plan. However, with the dissolution of the CRA/LA and redevelopment agencies statewide by way of State Legislation Bill AB1x-26 on February 1, 2012, the awarded grant projects must be transferred to a City Department to enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the development of the proposals. According to the administrator for the SGC, the California Natural Resources Agency, the grant agreement must be executed by May 1,

2014 or funds will otherwise expire. As such, the BOS is seeking City Council and Mayor approval to assume the role of lead agency for the awarded grant. The adoption of a Resolution authorizing Sanitation to enter into an agreement with the State of California (Transmittal 1 of the April 14, 2014 BPW report, attached to the file) is required by the SGC for the grant. The estimated cost for the Wilmington Urban Greening Plan is $250,000 and will develop a comprehensive urban greening plan for the Wilmington community.

After consideration, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations as contained in the APril 14, 2014 BPW report and detailed in the above recommendations. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MEMBER	VOTE
FUENTES:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
LABONGE:	ABSENT
HUIZAR:	ABSENT
KORETZ:	YES

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