

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to amending the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to meet the requirements of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) Permit.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. APPROVE the July 23, 2014 Board of Public Works (Board) report, attached to the Council file.
2. FIND that the adoption of the proposed Ordinance as detailed in Transmittal 2 of the July 23, 2014 Board report, attached to the Council file, to amend Article 4.4 of Chapter VI of the LAMC in connection with MS4 Permit regulated under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES Permit No. CAS004001) is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, pursuant to Articles II and III of the City CEQA Guidelines.
3. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an Ordinance to amend Article 4.4 of Chapter VI of the LAMC as detailed in the July 23, 2014 Board report, attached to the Council file.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Board of Public Works reports that there will be no impact to the General Fund. Adoption of the proposed amendments to Article 4.4 of Chapter VI of the LAMC are required in order for the City to meet the mandates of the Stormwater Municipal Permit.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On August 20, 2014, your Committee considered a July 23, 2014 Board report relative to amending the LAMC to meet the requirements of the MS4 Permit regulated under NPDES Permit No. CAS004001. According to the Board, the City's Watershed Protection Program (Stormwater Program) is managed by the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS) and is responsible for managing Flood Protection and Pollution Abatement (Water Quality) Programs.

The operation of the City's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) is regulated by a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Stormwater Permit (Permit). The federal NPDES stormwater program came about as the result of the 1987 amendments to Clean Water Act (CWA). The City's current 5-year Permit was adopted by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) on November 8, 2012 for the County of Los Angeles and the incorporated cities.

The City of Los Angeles, the other 83 Incorporated Cities in Los Angeles County (except Long Beach), and the County of Los Angeles are all considered permittees of this permit. With each of four successive Permits, issued in 1990, 1996, 2001, and 2012, respectively, the mandates have become more stringent, progressing from a general emphasis on education to the imposition of very specific requirements.

On November 8, 2012 the Los Angeles Regional Quality Control Board (RWQCB) adopted the latest Stormwater Municipal Permit also known as MS4 Permit (permit) for Los Angeles County and its incorporated cities (Order No. R4-2012-0175). This permit replaces the December 2001 permit and

is the fourth generation municipal stormwater permit in Los Angeles region. The first permit issued in 1990 followed the implementation of the 1987 stormwater amendments to the Clean Water Act (CWA). This latest permit incorporates water quality based effluent imitations via the adopted Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) provisions, as well as several new concepts and requirements that are designed to improve water quality through a cooperative process within the five major Watershed Management Areas of the Los Angeles County.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the Board report. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
FUENTES:	YES
BLUMFIELD:	ABSENT
LABONGE:	ABSENT
HUIZAR:	YES
KORETZ:	YES
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