MOTION

The Department of Water and Power (DWP) is proposing the approval of an amendment to its existing contract with Staples, Inc. for paper that is compatible with its bill printing system. The amendment is for four one-year options and increases the expenditure limit by $6,995,044 to $10,451,419.

The DWP has confirmed that the paper it will use for this system is only 1% recycled content; therefore it is 99% virgin forest paper. The DWP states that it needs this type of paper in order for its bill printing system to work properly.

However, the use of virgin forest paper for this agreement is inconsistent with the City's Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy (EPPP). The EPP was adopted by the City over 10 years ago and called for City departments to incorporate and prioritize the use of environmentally sustainable products in their day-to-day business activities.

The greater use of environmentally sustainable products by the City encourages other cities and jurisdictions to follow suit, thereby lowering the cost of these products and preserving the environment.

The DWP should convert to paper with a significantly higher percentage of recycled content. In this manner, it will comply with the City's EPPP and preserve the world's forests by mitigating the impact of greenhouse gases.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Water and Power (DWP) be requested to report in 30 days on its efforts to increase the use of recycled paper, consisting of high recycled content, in its operations including its billing system.

I FURTHER MOVE that the DWP be requested to report on its compliance with the City's Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy (EPPP) as it relates to its purchase of sustainable products for its day-to-day activities.
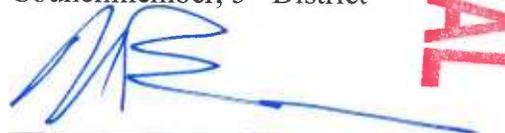
I FURTHER MOVE that the Port of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles World Airports also report on their compliance with the City's EPPP.

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