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On June 3, 2015, the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS) reported to the Council’s Energy and Environment Committee, requesting authority to submit five Enhanced Watershed Management Programs (EWMPs) to the state’s Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) in order to comply with the water quality regulations.

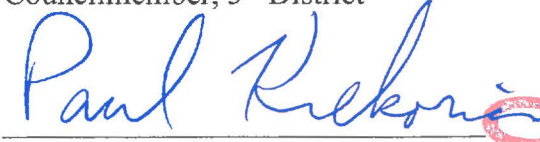
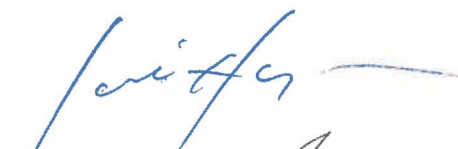

The EWMPs will help the City plan and prioritize effective water quality programs for the City’s watersheds; and to identify strategies, control measures, and Best Management Practices (BMP) to meet water quality standards. Compliance strategies within each EWMP is designed to meet all the applicable water quality regulations for near and long-term milestones over the next 25 years.

During the presentation, the issue was raised whether “first flush” stormwater could be diverted to the sewer system, which is separate from the stormwater system, in order to effectively treat and meet water quality standards. “First flush” stormwater refers to the initial surface runoff of a rainstorm which is known to consist of high concentrations of pollutants.

The BOS reported that it would look into the matter to assess its effectiveness and determine if it can help the City meet water quality regulations.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Sanitation be instructed to report to the City Council in 30 days on the feasibility of diverting “first flush” stormwater to the sewer system in order to effectively treat stormwater and meet water quality regulations.

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