

Contact Information

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(9) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

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Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 15-0768

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The Northridge East Neighborhood Council supports the "watershed approach" as a parcel-based stormwater management strategy that synergistically treats each site as a mini-watershed where water is captured, conserved, and reused, as follows:

- Capturing at least the first one inch of rainwater with rain tanks, permeable surfaces, and grading strategies like bioswales, berms and basins to help manage stormwater onsite, improve water quality, reduce local flooding, and recharge local groundwater;
- Conserving outdoor water use by installing landscaping with at least 60% Southern California native, climate-appropriate plants and trees that support wildlife habitat and preserve our region's biodiversity, and with the use of mulch and organic ground covers that mitigate heat island impacts, build healthy soils, and help sequester carbon; and
- Minimize use of water and utilize more water reuse to help maintain our urban forest and support landscape and ecosystem needs without additional potable supplies.

Additional NENC comments:

In many areas, the front yards slope down to the streets. Thus, even with low-water landscapes and good mulching, water can "escape" into the street. We recommend the use of bioswales, low walls, and other grading measures to reduce runoff in these cases.

In changing the landscape and lowering water usage, special provision should be made to ensure that trees get enough water. Often, their current main source of water is the above-ground sprinklers. Lacking this, they'll need dedicated bubblers, drippers, etc. (This relates to the City's emphasis on maintaining and increasing the City's green canopy.)

During heavy rains, water accumulates temporarily at intersections and other low places. The watershed approach should consider ways to capture that water. This isn't "on property" but it is "in neighborhood."

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Board Resolution of Action

Regarding “Watershed Approach” for Stormwater Management

Council File 15-0768

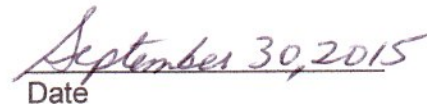
I, Glenn Bailey, declare that I am the President of the Northridge East Neighborhood Council and that on August 19, 2015, a Brown Act noticed regular meeting was held by the Northridge East Neighborhood Council with a quorum of 9 board members present and that by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions, the Northridge East Neighborhood Council adopted the following resolution:

To support Council File 15-0768 (Koretz and Krekorian) which promotes the "watershed approach" as a parcel-based stormwater management strategy that synergistically treats each site as a mini-watershed where water is captured, conserved, and reused, as follows:

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Authorized Signature

Glenn Bailey, President
Northridge East Neighborhood Council


Date