

**TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

Your

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

reports as follows:

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to various actions for contract funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, for the City of Los Angeles Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS) Survey Project.

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

1. APPROVE the February 4, 2013 Board of Public Works (Board) report, as attached to the Council file.
2. AUTHORIZE the Director of the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS), or designee, to execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, or amendments, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form, which may be necessary to secure an amount not to exceed \$75,000 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the City of Los Angeles OWTS Survey Project.
3. AUTHORIZE the Director of the BOS, or designee, to receive contract funds and appropriate up to \$75,000 into the Environmental Affairs Trust Fund, Fund 537, Dept. 50, New Account (FY 2013 USEPA/ L.A. City OWTS Survey Project), in the event that the agreement is executed.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Board reports that approval of the recommendations will have no fiscal impact to the City's General Fund. Receipt of up to \$75,000 in contract funds will offset costs otherwise provided by the Environmental Affairs Trust Fund. The total estimated cost for the project is \$75,000.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On February 20, 2013, the Energy and Environment Committee considered a February 4, 2013 Board report relative to various actions for contract funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, for the City of Los Angeles Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems Survey Project.

The Board states that the purpose of the OWTS Survey Project is to identify, locate and confirm large cesspools in the City, especially those in High Risk areas and disadvantaged communities, which may be subject to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) regulations. In conducting the survey, EPA agrees that the City shall target high risk OWTS for their higher potential to cause environmental and public health concerns due to their proximity to impaired surface water bodies or groundwater.

An additional benefit of the survey project is that the City will use the site visits as an opportunity to outreach to its OWTS owners by providing home owner guides to proper septic system operation and maintenance, in English and Spanish.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council concur with the recommendations as reflected above. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
HUIZAR:	YES
ZINE:	ABSENT
ALARCÓN:	YES
KORETZ:	YES

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