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MOTION

On April 11, 2006, the City Council authorized the Board of Public Works to execute a Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement (FCSA) and associated Project Management Plan (PMP) with the US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) for the Los Angeles River Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study (Study). The Agreement committed the City, as Local Sponsor, to a 50 percent share of the Study cost, estimated to be \$3,675,500 with a total Study cost of \$7,351,000 (Agreement C-109697, C.F. 06-0496).

On July 22, 2009, the City Council authorized revisions to its commitments regarding the Study which included authorizing the City Engineer to negotiate and execute a revised PMP with the Corps, recognizing an increase in the total Study cost to \$9,710,000 and thereby raising the City's 50 percent cost share to \$4,850,000 (C.F. 07-1342-S8).

On October 5, 2012, to close a gap in federal funding for the Study, the City Council authorized acceptance of a \$970,000 donation from Friend of the Los Angeles River (FoLAR), which was then transferred in three installments to the Corps (C.F. 10-0270-S2).

On August 7, 2013, the City Council endorsed the Study's most comprehensive alternative - Alternative 20 (C.F. 10-0270-S3).

On May 29, 2014, Mayor Eric Garcetti and Colonel Kimberly Colloton of the Corps, together with Councilmembers Mitch O'Farrell, Tom LaBonge, Jose Huizar and other Los Angeles River stakeholders announced that the Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) had decided to support Alternative 20.

Subsequently, the Corps' project team identified additional work required to update and expand their analyses and revise the Study's Integrated Feasibility Report to reflect the selection of Alternative 20 as the recommended plan. The Corps communicated that \$400,000 of additional work is required, and requested a \$200,000 contribution from the City to fulfill its 50% cost-share.

The Bureau of Engineering, on behalf of the City as Local Sponsor (C.F. 06-0496), concurs with the Corps's explanation of the necessity of the additional work and associated cost increase. The City is able to fund the contribution through its Los Angeles River Project Office with funds provided from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to support implementation of the 2007 Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan (C.F. 07-1342 and 11-0098-S2).

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, authorize:

1. The Public Works Office of Accounting, with support from the Bureau of Engineering, to expend \$200,000, subject to the availability of fund 682, account 50G273, LA RIVER REVITALIZATION MASTER. Payable to:

US Army Corps of Engineers
Address: Los Angeles District, 915 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90017-3401
Attention: Ms. Martha Sanchez, Project Financial Manager
Receiving number: 051036706
Account number: 220025
Amount: \$200,000.00
Receiver name: USACE Finance Center
Receiving bank: Federal Reserve Bank, New York
EROC: L1
Advance number: 849
Vendor ID: WHRFBG
ROV number: 656



to fulfill the City's 50% cost share obligation for the additional work; and

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2. The City Engineer to make any technical corrections or clarifications to the above fund transfer instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion.

3. Authorize the City Engineer to sign a letter of agreement to document this additional contribution.

PRESENTED BY:



MITCH O'FARRELL Councilmember, 13TH
District

SECONDED BY:



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