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Subject: **AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT FIVE ENHANCED WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS TO THE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD AS REQUIRED BY THE NEW NPDES PERMIT FOR THE MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM – MOU FOR COST SHARING AND CEQA RECOMMENDATIONS**

As recommended in the accompanying report of the Director of the Bureau of Sanitation, which this Board has adopted, the Board of Public Works requests:

1. That the City Council find that the information contained in the Draft California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Addendum to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District Enhanced Watershed Management Programs Program Environmental Impact Report, which will be finalized and forwarded to the City Council as the CEQA Addendum before final consideration by the City Council, has been reviewed as considered by the Board of Public Works, and forward the Draft CEQA Addendum to the City Council for consideration.
2. That the City Council find that the Enhanced Watershed Management Programs (EWMPs), as set forth in the CEQA Addendum, (I) have met the requirements of CEQA State Guidelines Section 15168(c)(2); (II) are covered under the Los Angeles County Flood Control District Enhanced Watershed Management Programs Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR); and (III) did not require additional CEQA documentation, besides the CEQA Addendum, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15162.
3. That the City Council adopt the relevant mitigation measures developed in the PEIR, as set forth in the CEQA Addendum; and that the Council adopt the CEQA Addendum.



4. It is further requested, that the City Council approve the five Enhancement Watershed Management Programs (EWMPs) developed by the City of Los Angeles and 26 partner agencies to meet the requirements of the new NPDES Permit for the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System; the three proposed Memoranda of Understanding between the City of Los Angeles and the Cities of San Fernando, South El Monte, and Lomita for administering the cost of including these cities in the development of the EWMPs; to authorize the Bureau of Sanitation to submit the five EWMPs to the Regional Water Quality Control Board by June 28, 2015; to revise the five EWMPs upon receiving comments from the Regional Water Quality Control Board and resubmit the documents by April 2016; and to authorize the Director of the Bureau of Sanitation to execute the three proposed MOUs with the Cities of San Fernando, South El Monte, and Lomita.

FISCAL IMPACT

This report is to request authority to submit the Enhanced Watershed Management Programs to the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Implementation of watershed control measures proposed in the plans will be financed by the Stormwater Pollution Abatement Fund. It is estimated that the cost of implementation is approximately \$7.4 billion over the next 20 years. However, proposed capital projects for improving water quality do not currently have a funding source. The City will continue to pursue funding alternatives in partnership with other municipalities in the watersheds and the County of Los Angeles, including potential State and Federal grants to supplement the cost of the implementing the EWMPs.

The three MOUs with the Cities of San Fernando, South El Monte, and Lomita will reimburse the Stormwater Pollution Abatement Fund.

Respectfully submitted,



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Board of Public Works