

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE REPORT
relative to funding options for the implementation strategy of five Enhanced Watershed
Management Plans (EWMPs).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. ACKNOWLEDGE that a comprehensive funding strategy is needed to address the City's compliance cost and provide direction on which funding options the City shall pursue.
2. INSTRUCT the Bureau of Engineering (BOE), Bureau of Sanitation (BOS), City Administrative Officer (CAO), and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, as appropriate, to coordinate and identify specific projects that will meet permit compliance.
3. INSTRUCT the CAO to work with the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), BOS, and other City departments, as necessary, to develop an implementation plan that includes program oversight structure and funding strategies.
4. INSTRUCT the BOS, BOE, and the CAO to provide an updated project list, including project costs, for the next five years.
5. INSTRUCT the BOS to report with a range of cost/benefit analysis to ensure that the most cost-effective ways to achieve the policy objectives are available for Council to consider, not necessarily the maximum environmental benefits.
6. REQUEST the BOS, CLA, CAO, and the Office of the Mayor to report on how any funding strategy and implementation plan will:
 - a. Best position the City of Los Angeles for its fair share of resources.
 - b. Ensure infrastructure equity in disadvantaged communities and communities of color, and further prioritize areas that have not historically been prioritized for water quality based funding.
 - c. Support the remediation of the aquifer and improvement of the stormwater system in the San Fernando Valley.
 - d. Ensure a commitment to support and invest in multi-benefit projects.
 - e. Recognize the efforts of the business community.
 - f. Support local hiring and job training opportunities for disadvantaged residents.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that there will be a significant General Fund impact should the City not comply with state and regional water quality requirements as set forth in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit. The City's estimated total cost to implement the five EWMPs is \$7.2 billion, excluding the cost of operating and maintaining the projects. In order to avoid potential fines and penalties

for non-compliance, the City must develop a funding strategy to implement the EWMPs. This funding strategy must account for both capital costs and the on-going operation and maintenance costs.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

At a meeting held on October 17, 2017, the Energy, Climate Change and Environmental Justice Committee considered a report from the CAO relative to funding options for the implementation strategy of five EWMPs. During the discussion of this item, a representative from the CAO's office provided an overview of the report and responded to related questions from the Committee members.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council approve the CAO recommendations, as amended in Committee and detailed above. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
MARTINEZ:	YES
KORETZ:	YES
KREKORIAN:	YES
CEDILLO:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES

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