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Artist Lauren Bon and the Metabolic Studio are designing and implementing the "Bending the River Back into the City" Project, also known as the Water Wheel Project. The Project consists of a low-flow channel, an intake structure, an intake pipeline, a water wheel, a water wheel pit, a return flow pipeline and an outlet structure, all within and adjacent to the Los Angeles River channel between the confluence of the LA River and the Arroyo Seco and N. Spring Street bridge, and a water distribution system to deliver treated water, free of charge, to the Los Angeles State Historic Park, Albion River Park, and Downey Recreation Center.

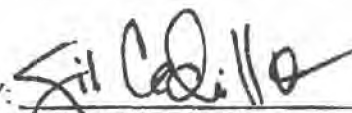
Among the many permits and approvals the Project requires are Section 404 and Section 408 permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to enable pipeline installation and appurtenant structural work in the concrete lining of the channel. Both permits were obtained in September 2019 and Metabolic Studio immediately commenced intake pipeline installation on a small segment of the channel. Based on that work, Metabolic Studio seeks new Section 404 and 408 permits to modify the pipeline material and make a modest change to the Intake pipeline construction methods.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers does not have a budget to review the permit applications and cannot accept payment for the review directly from the Metabolic Studio. However, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers can accept payment for that review from the City of Los Angeles. The Bureau of Engineering pays the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for review of Section 404 and 408 applications on many City projects, and is willing to add "Bending the River Back into the City" to its list of applications. The Metabolic Studio is willing to deposit the sum of \$50,000, and any additional amounts if needed, to enable the City to pay the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers its costs for the review of Metabolic Studio's Section 404 and 408 applications.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering be authorized to accept a contribution in the amount of \$50,000 from Metabolic Studio for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' review of the Metabolic Studio's Section 404 and 408 applications for the "Bending the River Back into the City" Project, also known as the Water Wheel Project, as further described in the text of this Motion, and to deposit this amount into the Engineering Fund No. 57Q-50, Account No. 50MB09.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering be authorized to make any technical corrections or clarifications to the above fund transfer / deposit instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion.

PRESENTED BY:


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SECONDED BY:

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Councilmember, 13th District

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