

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the approval of the Los Angeles River and Arroyo Seco Low Flow Diversions Project (Project), and adoption of the Initial Study (IS)/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Mitigation Monitoring Program (MMP) for the Project.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. REVIEW and CONSIDER the IS/MND for the Project, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. FIND that, on the basis of the whole record, there is no substantial evidence that the Project will have a significant effect on the environment; and, that the MND reflects the City's independent judgment and analysis.
3. ADOPT the MND and MMP for the Project.
4. SPECIFY that the documents constituting the record of proceedings in this matter are in the files of the Department of Public Works Bureau of Engineering, Environmental Management Group, located at 1149 South Broadway, Los Angeles, California 90015.
5. APPROVE the Project as described in the IS.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Bureau of Engineering reports that the Los Angeles River Low Flow Diversions has a budget of \$14,096,000; and, the Arroyo Seco Low Flow Diversions has a budget of \$8,033,600. The Project has a combined budget of \$22,129,600. The funding source for the Project originates from Measure W Municipal Return funds.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

## SUMMARY

At its regular meeting held on December 1, 2020, the Energy, Climate Change, and Environmental Justice Committee considered the Board of Public Works (BPW) report dated August 18, 2020 relative to the adoption of the MND and MMP for the Project, and approval of the Project as described in the IS. The City is proposing to construct two low flow diversion (LFD) systems to divert dry-weather flows which discharge into the Arroyo Seco, and three LFD systems to divert the dry-weather flows which discharge into Reach 2 of the Los Angeles River. The Project will intercept dry-weather flows from the five prioritized storm drains prior to discharge into the receiving water bodies, and divert the dry-weather flows into sanitary sewers for treatment at the Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant. The Project construction, which is scheduled to commence in April 2021, consists of installing diversion structures within existing storm drains, below-grade gravity pipelines, trash collection structures, maintenance holes, junction structures, pump well structures, pressurized discharge pipes, valve and meter vaults, power supplies for pump stations, a supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system, and instrumentation. Mitigation measures for cultural resources and noise have been included in the IS/MND that reduce potentially significant impacts to less than significant, as indicated in the MND.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations contained in the subject BPW report, as detailed above. This matter is now transmitted to the 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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