



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute a Memorandum of Agreement, including subsequent amendments, with the South Bay Cities Council of Governments, for the implementation of the Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program for the Dominguez Channel Watershed with other participating agencies under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit, for an annual amount not to exceed \$13,000, for a five-year term. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The City of Long Beach (City) is subject to waste discharge requirements for its Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit under Order No. R4-2014-00204, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit CAS004003. The 1972 Clean Water Act (CWA) established the NPDES Program to regulate discharge of pollutants to waters in the United States. The CWA requires water bodies that do not meet water quality standards be placed on an impaired water body list called the Section 303(d) list. For each water body on the list, the state is required to establish total maximum daily loads (TMDL) for each pollutant impairing the water quality standards and are the basis to establish control of the water quality.

The MS4 Permit enables agencies to collaborate through a Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program (CIMP). The CIMP allows Long Beach to comply with Dominguez Channel Watershed monitoring requirements at a lower cost due to collaborative monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping programs to comply with the MS4 Permit.

On December 11, 2015, the State Water Resources Control Board approved the CIMP for the Dominguez Channel Watershed. This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is for cost-sharing with other Permittees tributary to the Dominguez Channel Watershed for the term of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2023. Permittees include the cities of Los Angeles, El Segundo, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Lomita, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, and the County of Los Angeles.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Amy R. Webber on October 29, 2018 and by Budget Analysis Officer Julissa José-Murray on November 3, 2018.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on November 20, 2018, to ensure the MOA is in place expeditiously.

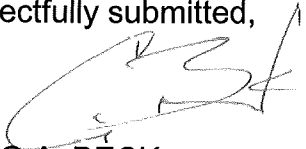
FISCAL IMPACT

The City's total annual cost for this MOA will not to exceed \$13,000. There is sufficient appropriation in the General Fund (GF) in the Public Works Department (PW) for this expense. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

APPROVED:


PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER