

CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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July 17, 2007

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents with the State of California Department of Health Services to provide Beach Water Quality Monitoring and Public Notification from October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008, and increase appropriations in the Health Fund (SR 130) in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) by \$25,000. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The State of California Department of Health Services (State) awarded the City \$25,000 in new grant funds through the Beach Water Quality Monitoring and Public Notification program. These funds are available to support the current beach water quality testing program, including reimbursement for testing conducted during the period October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008, and support continued public notification activities such as posting weekly recreational water quality sampling results on the City internet website and posting warning signs at beaches when bacterial levels are above State standards (per AB 411). The State mandates all local health jurisdictions conduct weekly bacterial testing of waters adjacent to public beaches, which have more than 50,000 visitors annually and are near storm drains, that flow in the summer.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Lori A. Conway on July 9, 2007 and by Budget and Performance Management Bureau Manager David Wodynski on July 9, 2007.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this item is not time critical.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total amount of the agreement is \$25,000 from October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008. An appropriations increase for this amount is included in the recommendation.

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SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD R. ARIAS, DIRECTOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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APPROVED:

ANTHONY W. BATTS CITY MANAGER