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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

SUBJECT: Agreement With the County of Los Angeles for Removal of Debris
Emanating from the Los Angeles River (Districts 2 and 3)

DISCUSSION

Since December 1984, the City of Long Beach and the County of Los Angeles have had a cooperative agreement (County Agreement No. 61535; City Contract No. 23221) for the removal of trash and debris emanating from the Los Angeles River (i.e., flood control maintenance). This agreement, which provided the City with up to \$500,000 per year in reimbursement for costs the City incurs due to the removal of trash and debris from city beaches and marinas, expired on June 30, 2004.

In a letter dated April 28, 2004, the County of Los Angeles expressed their intent to continue the \$500,000 reimbursement amount for FY 05, but to reduce the annual agreement amount by 10 percent per year for the next five years, beginning in FY 06, to coincide with their program to comply with the Los Angeles River Trash Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirements. Upon subsequent discussions with City staff, County staff agreed to keep the annual reimbursement amount at \$500,000 per year for the next two years, allowing the County time to develop the data that will demonstrate a reduction in the amount of trash in the Los Angeles River. In an average year, Parks, Recreation and Marine Department maintenance staff remove approximately 4,500 tons of debris from our beaches and marinas. It is estimated that 95 percent of this debris emanates from the Los Angeles River.

As Agreement No. 61535 has expired, a new two-year agreement has been created. This agreement requires the approval of both the City Council and the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors. The County has also requested the City make a finding that the work proposed in the amendment is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15301, Class 1 (i), and Section 15304 of the California Environmental Quality Act. Accordingly, Categorical Exemption 479-04 has been issued.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Lisa Peskay Malmsten on October 5, 2004, and by Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on October 29, 2004.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is requested on November 9, 2004, to allow staff to continue seeking reimbursement for costs incurred in removal of debris from the city's beaches and marinas.

FISCAL IMPACT

The revenue provided through the County's reimbursement offsets budgeted Tidelands Fund expenditures for the maintenance of the city's beaches and marinas. There is no impact on budgeted appropriations.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Authorize the City Manager to execute a two-year agreement with the County of Los Angeles for a sum of up to \$500,000 per year to assist in the cost of removing debris deposited on city beaches and marinas, generated from the Los Angeles River.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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