



# C-11 CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE



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August 4, 2009

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

## RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute a one-year agreement with the County of Los Angeles, beginning July 1, 2009 and continuing through June 30, 2010, for an amount not to exceed \$500,000, to assist in the cost of removing debris deposited on city beaches and marinas emanating from the Los Angeles River. (District 2)

## DISCUSSION

Annually, since 1994, maintenance staff from the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine 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. Since December 1984, the City of Long Beach (City) and the County of Los Angeles (County) have had a cooperative agreement for the removal of trash and debris emanating from the Los Angeles River. This agreement provides reimbursement to the City of up to \$500,000 per year for costs the City incurs in the removal of trash and debris from our beaches and marinas. The current five-year term of the agreement expired on June 30, 2009.

In a letter dated May 20, 2009, the County expressed their intent to continue the agreement to provide up to \$500,000 in reimbursement costs for Fiscal Year 2010 for a one-year period, beginning July 1, 2009 and continuing through June 30, 2010. The County has been aggressively implementing new policies and processes to reduce the amount of trash that enters our drainage systems and is subsequently deposited on our beaches and in our marinas. They will continue to monitor these processes in order to measure their performance.

The County has requested that the City make a finding that the work proposed in the agreement is categorically exempt, pursuant to Section 15301, Class 1 (i), and Section 15304 of the California Environmental Quality Act. Accordingly, Categorical Exemption CE-44-09 has been issued.

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This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson on July 9, 2009, and Budget and Performance Management Bureau Manager David Wodynski on July 17, 2009.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on August 4, 2009, in order to allow staff to continue seeking reimbursement of expenses incurred from debris removal emanating from the Los Angeles River.

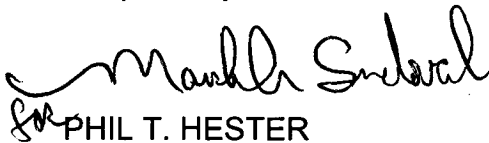
FISCAL IMPACT

The revenue provided through the County's reimbursement agreement offsets already budgeted Tidelands Operating Fund (TF) and Marina Fund (TF) expenditures in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PR) for the maintenance of the city's beaches and marinas.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE

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APPROVED:

  
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PATRICK H. WEST  
CITY MANAGER