



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to authorize City Manager to execute a one-year agreement with the County of Los Angeles, beginning on July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, 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)

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 annual term of the agreement expired on June 30, 2011.

On March 22, 2012, the County approved their intent to continue the \$500,000 reimbursement for Fiscal Year 2012 for a one-year period, which began July 1, 2011 and will continue through June 30, 2012. 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 performance.

Since 1994, maintenance staff from the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine have removed approximately 4,500 tons of debris annually from our beaches and marinas. It is estimated that 95 percent of this debris emanates from the Los Angeles River.

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.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson on April 26, 2012, and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on May 1, 2012.

City Council action is requested on May 22, 2012, in order to allow staff to continue seeking reimbursement of expenses incurred from debris removal emanating from the Los Angeles River.

Revenue received from the County of Los Angeles for the reimbursement of expenses is deposited to the Tidelands Operations Fund (TF 401) and the Marina Fund (TF 403) in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PR). There is no impact to jobs associated with the recommended action.

Approve recommendation.

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DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE

APPROVED:

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