



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to authorize City Manager to execute all documents necessary to enter into a Cooperative Agreement between the City of Long Beach and the City of Signal Hill, for the construction of the Los Cerritos Channel Sub-Basin 4 Stormwater Capture Facility Project. (District 5)

The Cities of Signal Hill (Signal Hill) and Long Beach (Long Beach) are members of the Los Cerritos Channel (LCC) Watershed Group that have approved Watershed Management Programs (WMP) under the Los Angeles County's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and the Long Beach NPDES Permit, respectively. In accordance with these permits, a mandate was issued to reduce stormwater and non-stormwater metals and bacteria pollution discharges into the LCC. This mandate was issued in the form of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) regulations by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (LARWQCB), State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US-EPA) in accordance with the Clean Water Act (CWA). Violations of these standards would result in fines of up to \$10,000 per day of violation.

In order to comply with the mandate, staff from Long Beach and Signal Hill have developed a conceptual plan that focuses on the construction of a stormwater capture facility, adjacent to the Los Cerritos Channel in the Skylinks golf course, near the intersection of Spring Street and Clark Avenue. When completed, the facility would provide subterranean capture and treatment of stormwater runoff from both cities, prior to outflow into the LCC and ultimately the Pacific Ocean.

On June 16, 2015, Signal Hill adopted a Cooperative Implementation Agreement with Caltrans for up to \$11 million in funding for the design and construction of this project. To facilitate moving coordination between the two cities on the implementation of the stormwater capture facility, staff is requesting approval to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with Signal Hill. Signal Hill Public Works Department will take the lead in providing project oversight and funding. Long Beach will participate in the design review process and provide coordination with right-of-way permits and general project support. The proposed Cooperative Agreement defines Long Beach and Signal Hill responsibilities during the course of the planning, design and construction of this project, and will allow for the reimbursement of up to \$50,000 for work performed by Long Beach staff through project completion, which is estimated to be three years.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda T. Vu on December 23, 2015 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on December 29, 2015.

SUSTAINABILITY

The proposed project would divert stormwater and non-stormwater runoff from flowing into the Los Cerritos Channel to the new stormwater capture system. The stormwater would be treated thereby preventing the transport of metals and bacteria constituents that would otherwise flow downstream into the Los Cerritos Channel Estuary, the Alamitos Bay and City beaches.

City Council action is requested on January 12, 2016, in order to proceed with the project.

The design and construction of the project is being funded by Signal Hill, through an \$11 million grant received by Caltrans. The project budget includes reimbursement of up to \$50,000 for Long Beach administrative costs (project support, right-of-way permits, etc.). The proposed project may impact General Fund revenue derived from the golf operations, managed by Parks, Recreation and Marine Department, at the Skylinks Golf Course. The potential revenue impact cannot be projected at this time. Following completion of the project, and if needed, the Public Works Department (PW) will request appropriations for its project expense offset by reimbursement revenue from Signal Hill.

Approve recommendation.

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