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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**URBAN WATERSHED SUMMIT II
SPONSORSHIP CONTRIBUTION
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

Authorize the Chief Engineer of the Flood Control District, or his designee, to contribute \$5,000 from funds available in the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Flood Control District Budget to Heal the Bay for cosponsoring the July 20, 2006, Urban Watershed Summit II.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Heal the Bay is a nonprofit environmental organization committed to improving water quality in the Santa Monica Bay and Southern California coastal waters. Heal the Bay and co-organizers, including the County of Los Angeles, will be hosting the Second Annual Urban Watershed Summit at South Gate Park on July 20, 2006. The summit is designed to bring together city managers and engineers, planning directors, public works directors, elected officials, watershed professionals, community leaders, and other stakeholders interested in the health and management of the watersheds to support current and future efforts to clean, restore, and revitalize the watersheds in the County.

Heal the Bay is currently soliciting financial assistance to fund several aspects of the conference. Public Works has been invited to cosponsor this educational event by contributing \$5,000. Public Works will also participate on a discussion panel at the conference. Sponsors will be recognized on both printed materials and during the conference. The City of Los Angeles, Southern California Edison, Water Replenishment District, and other organizations have contributed or are in the process of contributing to the event.

Participation and cosponsorship of the Urban Watershed Summit II will further Public Works' mission to lead the planning and implementation of watershed management and provide a higher quality of life for the communities in the County of Los Angeles. It will also enhance networking with watershed stakeholders.

Heal the Bay will prepare and submit a report of the summit's findings to Public Works.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence as it provides Public Works with more knowledge on how to improve the health and vitality of urban communities as well as the environment through coordinated urban watershed restoration efforts.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County's General Fund. Funds for this contribution are available in the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Flood Control District Budget. The District will contribute \$5,000 toward hosting the Urban Watershed Summit II.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Upon Board approval, the District will distribute the funds to Heal the Bay.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Not applicable.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects due to this recommended contribution.

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CONCLUSION

Please return three adopted copies of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,



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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel