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To: Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Chairman
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From: William T Fujioka
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STATUS REPORT ON HAULED WATER INITIAL STUDY/ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW INITIATIVE (ITEM NO. 16, AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2012)

On September 4, 2012, the Board, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, instructed the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), in conjunction with the Hauled Water Task Force (Task Force) to: (1) identify funding and direct the Task Force to develop a work plan and estimated timeline for the issuance of a Request for Proposals for purposes of retaining a consultant to prepare an Initial Study, and if necessary, an Environmental Impact Report pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analyzing the potential environmental impacts of the draft "hauled water policy;" and (2) directed County Counsel, in consultation with the Task Force, to draft a proposed ordinance for the Board's consideration that amends applicable provisions of the Los Angeles County Code to provide for a single-family residential hauled water use policy, which incorporates the provisions of the draft "hauled water policy" and the information provided to the public by the Task Force in its Response to Public Comments document, subject to any amendments made by the Board, and as informed by the required CEQA analysis. Additionally, the Task Force would provide to the Board status reports, as necessary. This is a status on the achievements of the Task Force's efforts since our last report of July 12, 2013.

STATUS

On July 12, 2013, this office informed the Board that the Task Force which consists of Board Deputies from the Third and Fifth Supervisorial Districts, and representatives from the Departments of Public Health (DPH), Regional Planning (DRP), Public Works (DPW), County Counsel, and the CEO, created a smaller "working group" consisting of

selected representatives from DPH, DRP, DPW, County Counsel, and the CEO to establish the groundwork necessary to commence and carry out the tasks for the environmental review process, including the development of guidelines for the Request for Proposals document through the use of a DPW Consultant Services Agreement with qualified environmental consultants [Task Order - EP13-006]; conducting a pre-proposers' conference; evaluating the environmental review proposals; and conducting an interview process with proposers.

Since we last reported to the Board, the Task Force/Working Group has made significant progress on the Hauled Water Initiative work plans and established a subcommittee consisting of seven representatives from the "Working Group" to participate on a Proposal Evaluation Committee. The Proposal Evaluation Committee was tasked with preparing and publishing a Request for Proposals soliciting proposals to conduct the environmental review for the Hauled Water Initiative, and to review proposals received, and conduct proposer interviews.

The Proposal Evaluation Committee conducted a pre-proposal conference on May 29, 2013. Three environmental consulting firms currently under contract with DPW attended. The deadline to submit proposals was August 22, 2013. All three firms who had attended the pre-proposal conference submitted proposals.

The Proposal Evaluation Committee conducted interviews of the proposers on October 31, 2013, and November 7, 2013. Currently, the Proposal Evaluation Committee is concluding its evaluation of the proposals for the final selection of an environmental consulting firm to prepare the appropriate environmental review document pursuant to CEQA. Once a firm has been selected, DPW would begin contract negotiations with that firm.

The Task Force/Working Group anticipates that contract negotiations will be underway in the near future, and a consultant identified for final selection by early 2014 to prepare an initial study, and if necessary, an Environmental Impact Report on the draft single-family residential hauled water policy, as that policy is set forth in the CEO's August 17, 2012 report.

As previously reported, if an Environmental Impact Report is required, the estimated time to prepare the environmental review document can take 18 to 24 months once an environmental consultant is under contract. It should be noted the process could take longer than projected given the wide geographic area and numerous factors to be studied.

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NEXT STEPS

Upon completion of the environmental review consultant selection process, we will report back to the Board summarizing the status of the Task Force's efforts, and outlining various actions and funding authorization required for the Board's approval. Therefore, we anticipate that an additional 90 days is necessary to finalize this process.

Should you have any questions on this matter, your staff may contact Arena Turner at (213) 974-1319, or aturner@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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