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FROM: Donald L. Wolfe DLW
Director of Public Works

FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT BENEFIT ASSESSMENT
FISCAL YEAR 2007-08 RECOMMENDATIONS
BOARD AGENDA DATE: MAY 22, 2007

Our report recommending that your Board continue the levying of a Flood Control District Benefit Assessment for Fiscal Year 2007-08 at the same rate that is currently in effect, $28.85 for a typical single-family residence in the Los Angeles area and $5.95 for a typical single-family residence in the North County area, was adopted by your Board on April 10, 2007 (Agenda Item 43). The public hearing date on continuing the levy is set for May 22, 2007. Upon conclusion of the public hearing, my recommendation is to approve the levy for Fiscal Year 2007-08.

The Flood Control District Benefit Assessment will provide over 45 percent of the funding available to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

The revenue generated by the Flood Control District Benefit Assessment is used in conjunction with property tax revenues and other limited revenues available to the District to maintain the County flood control system in a safe and effective operating condition; respond to storm threats and flood-related emergencies; advise and regulate development in high flood hazard areas; repair and rehabilitation of existing facilities including remediation of seismic deficiencies of our dams; and implement new flood protection, water conservation, and water quality projects through our watershed management approach.

Revenue from the benefit assessment is also used to partially finance compliance with the Clean Water Act, which includes the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Municipal Separate Sewer and Stormwater Permit and 17 existing Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs), approved in early 2006.

The new TMDLs include a Malibu Creek Bacteria TMDL, a Los Angeles River Metal TMDL, a Ballona Creek Metal TMDL, a Ballona Creek Toxics TMDL, and a San Gabriel River Metal TMDL.

Since the proposed Flood Control District Benefit Assessment for Fiscal Year 2007-08 does not increase the existing assessment rate or change the assessment formula, it is not subject to the requirements of Article XIII D of the California Constitution (Proposition 218), which provides an exemption for certain assessments, including those for flood control that existed on November 6, 1996.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me or your staff may contact Diego Cadena, Deputy Director, at (626) 458-4008.

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