



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

*"To Enrich Lives Through Effective and Caring Service"*

900 SOUTH FREMONT AVENUE  
ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA 91803-1331  
Telephone: (626) 458-5100  
<http://dpw.lacounty.gov>

ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:  
P.O. BOX 1460  
ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA 91802-1460

**GAIL FARBER, Director**

September 10, 2013

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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

37 September 10, 2013

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
SACHI A. HAMAI  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT  
REVISION OF THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT CODE  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This action is to adopt an Ordinance to revise the Flood Control District Code of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

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

1. Approve the introduction of an Ordinance amending the Flood Control District Code of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to add Chapters 19, 21, and 23 as indicated below:
  - a. Chapter 19 contains rules and regulations pertaining to the entry, occupancy, and use of Los Angeles County Flood Control District property by private parties and the general public.
  - b. Chapter 21 contains rules and regulations pertaining to the discharge of stormwater and other flows into Los Angeles County Flood Control District facilities.
  - c. Chapter 23 is intended to establish rules and regulations regarding the enforcement of the Flood Control District Code, including administrative fines.
2. Find that the proposed Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this letter and in the record of the project.

## **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to add Chapters 19, 21, and 23 to the Flood Control District Code of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD). Chapter 19 contains rules and regulations pertaining to the entry, occupancy, and use of LACFCD property by private parties and the general public. The purpose of the new Chapter 19 is to clarify that these provisions are intended to apply to all property, easements, and facilities owned by or under the control of the LACFCD, whether they are within unincorporated or incorporated areas.

Chapter 21 contains rules and regulations pertaining to the discharge of stormwater and other flows into LACFCD facilities for the protection of those facilities, the water quality of the waters in and downstream of those facilities, and the quality of the water that is being stored in water-bearing zone's underground. This chapter is being added because as an owner and operator of a storm drain system, the LACFCD is required by Federal regulations to control pollutant discharges into and from its system.

Chapter 23 is intended to establish rules and regulations regarding the enforcement of the Flood Control District Code, including administrative fines up to \$1,000 for any single violation.

## **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3) to maximize opportunities to measurably improve client and community outcomes and leverage resources through the continuous integration of health, community, and public safety services. Adopting the Ordinance will further allow the LACFCD to act in accordance with the Integrated Services Delivery goal by clarifying rules and regulations regarding the use of LACFCD property by private parties and the general public, the discharges of stormwater and other flows into LACFCD storm drains and facilities, and the enforcement of those rules and regulations.

## **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund or the LACFCD Budget.

## **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The enclosed Ordinance is authorized pursuant to the following provisions of the Los Angeles County Flood Control Act:

“Section 3. The Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County shall be, and they are hereby designated as, and empowered to act as, ex officio the Board of Supervisors of said Los Angeles County Flood Control District, and said Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to adopt reasonable rules and regulations to facilitate the exercise of its powers and duties herein set forth.

Ordinances and resolutions. All ordinances, resolutions and other legislative acts for said district shall be adopted by said Board of Supervisors and certified to, recorded and published, in the same manner except as herein otherwise expressly provided, as are ordinances, resolutions or other legislative acts for the County of Los Angeles.”

“Section 16(a). The Board of Supervisors of the district shall have power to make and enforce all needful rules and regulations for the administration and government of the district, and to perform all other acts necessary or proper to accomplish the purposes of this act.”

The enclosed Ordinance to revise the Flood Control District Code has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The enclosed Ordinance is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Ordinance is within a class of projects that has been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301 and 15308 of the CEQA Guidelines

In addition, there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the project records.

The adoption of the enclosed Ordinance is also exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the adoption of the Ordinance will have a significant effect on the environment.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

There will be no negative impact on current services.

Approval of the recommended actions will benefit the LACFCD by providing increased clarity on rules and regulations related to the use of LACFCD property by private parties and the general public, the discharge of stormwater and other flows into LACFCD storm drains and facilities, and alternate remedies for the LACFCD to utilize in enforcing these rules.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return three adopted copies of this letter and the enclosed Ordinance to the Department of Public Works, Watershed Management Division.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
9/10/2013  
Page 4

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

GAIL FARBER  
Director

GF:GH:jht

Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office