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January 11, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

17 JANUARY 11, 2011

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**CENTRAL AND WEST COAST BASINS
SALT AND NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT AND
WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, AND 4)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to delegate the authority to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to execute an Agreement with the Water Replenishment District of Southern California to jointly finance the preparation of the Central and West Coast Basins Salt and Nutrient Management Plan.

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

Delegate the authority to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to execute an Agreement with the Water Replenishment District of Southern California, in a form approved by County Counsel, to provide \$75,000 to the Water Replenishment District of Southern California for the preparation of the Central and West Basins Salt and Nutrient Management Plan.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to delegate the authority to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) or her designee to execute an Agreement with the Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD). The Agreement will be in a form

approved by County Counsel. Pursuant to the Agreement, LACFCD and WRD will jointly finance the preparation of a Central and West Coast Basins Salt and Nutrient Management Plan (Plan).

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1). Planning efforts developed through the Plan will result in water-quality improvements within the boundaries of the study, thereby improving the quality of life for the residents of the County of Los Angeles (County).

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund. This project is for an estimated cost of \$150,000. The LACFCD will deposit its share of \$75,000 to WRD once the Agreement is executed. Funding for this project is included in the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Flood Control District Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The County is in the midst of a water crisis that threatens its present and future economic, social, and environmental stability. The impacts of prolonged drought, climate change, and continuing population growth have combined to present serious challenges to the State and local agencies' ability to provide a clean, plentiful, and reliable water supply. These challenges require aggressive responses and actions that move local communities, in particular, toward a sustainable water future. On May 14, 2009, the State Water Resources Control Board approved a Recycled Water Policy. The Recycled Water Policy sets various goals for the increased use of recycled water and stormwater. To achieve the Recycled Water Policy's goals, the policy further encourages every region in California to develop a salt and nutrient management plan by 2014. Salt and nutrient management plans are to be developed locally with further encouragement to emphasize the use of stormwater (including dry-weather urban runoff) in these plans.

As the primary agency responsible for managing groundwater in the Central and West Coast Basins, the WRD is taking the lead in the development of a salt and nutrient management plan for the Central and West Coast Basins. The WRD is actively involved in projects to increase the use of recycled water to replenish groundwater. On October 12, 2010, your Board of Supervisors approved a motion supporting the aims of WRD and its project partners in implementing its Groundwater Replenishment Improvement Program while acknowledging LACFCD's critical role in making available to the Groundwater Replenishment Improvement Program, the LACFCD spreading grounds necessary to receive recycled water for groundwater replenishment. As the lead agency for developing the Plan, WRD will be responsible for contracting for professional services to prepare the Plan, which WRD estimates not to exceed \$150,000. The LACFCD proposes to share equally the cost of preparation of the Plan and, therefore, proposes to contribute up to \$75,000 for that purpose. The completed Plan will serve the LACFCD's interest in assuring that effective, sustainable measures will be taken over the long-term to deliver high-quality recycled water to LACFCD spreading grounds for replenishment of groundwater. The Plan will be prepared in close consultation and participation with various stakeholders such as the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, the Central Basin Municipal Water District, and the West Basin Municipal Water District, all of which share a role in the production and delivery of water produced from recycled water.

The Agreement will be reviewed and approved by County Counsel prior to formal execution.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

In accordance with Section 15378(b)(4) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, approval of the recommended action does not constitute a project and, hence, is not subject to the requirements of CEQA. Therefore, a finding of environmental impact is not required.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no negative impact on current services.

The LACFCD will benefit from this effort by implementing multiuse approaches to water conservation.

CONCLUSION

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

Respectfully submitted,



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Director

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County Counsel
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