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The Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) operates a vast flood protection and water-conservation system with many facilities strategically located at the mouths of canyons to capture runoff and mitigate flood risk to downstream properties. Debris and sediment from the mountains and canyons impact the operations of these facilities by reducing their flood protection and water-conservation capacity.

Most of the sediment removed from these facilities is currently managed by transporting it to LACFCD-owned Sediment Placement Sites (SPSs) within communities. The capacity of the SPSs is being rapidly diminished due to the sediment generated as a result of the region's recent wildfires.

Sustainable sediment management approaches will need to be developed that support the continued operation of the region's dams and debris basins, while minimizing impact to the environment and surrounding communities. Soliciting the participation of concerned stakeholders in this process will result in a robust set of viable outcomes.

The Department of Public Works met with concerned stakeholders in 2007 regarding the potential trucking of this sediment to an off-site facility. However, this option involved the removal of 500,000 cubic yards via diesel truck down residential neighborhoods. It was determined by the City of Arcadia and the residents of the surrounding area that one truck traveling every three minutes down residential streets for a year was an unacceptable option. The working group also recommended the installation of the conveyor belt to facilitate the movement of this sediment to reduce the impacts on the community.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Director of Public Works to:

- Setup a working group with community representatives to provide input to LACFCD during the implementation of the Final Revegetation/Mitigation Plan to include public access to the lower Santa Anita SPS that meets California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) project mitigation requirements.
- Set aside \$650,000 of LACFCD funds for the creation of an on-site oak woodland habitat (revegetation/mitigation plan) reviewed and approved by DFG for the lower Santa Anita SPS. The on-site oak woodland habitat is to be implemented immediately following project completion.
- As part of the LACFCD's regional sediment management planning effort and plan update, investigate alternative methods for sediment and debris disposal from LACFCD facilities and create a regional stakeholder task force to assist in developing and vetting alternatives.

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