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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
59.		Oppose	Monisha Parker	<p>## Strengthening the Annual and On-Call Soft-Bottom Channel Facility Clearing Services Contract in Los Angeles County:</p> <p>Here are some suggestions for strengthening the Annual and On-Call Soft-Bottom Channel Facility Clearing Services Contract in Los Angeles County:</p> <p>**Strengthening Service Delivery:**</p> <p>* **Clearly define service expectations:** Outline specific details regarding the scope of work, including frequency of channel clearing, acceptable sediment removal depths, disposal locations, and reporting requirements.</p> <p>* **Performance-based standards:** Implement performance-based metrics to measure the effectiveness of clearing services, such as improved water flow, reduced flooding risk, and enhanced habitat quality.</p> <p>* **Consider innovative techniques:** Encourage contractors to propose and utilize innovative techniques for sediment removal that minimize environmental impact and optimize efficiency.</p> <p>* **Data-driven decision making:** Utilize data collected during clearing activities to inform future service modifications and assess the long-term impact on soft-bottom ecosystems.</p> <p>**Contractual Improvements:**</p> <p>* **Competitive bidding:** Regularly review and re-open the bidding process to encourage competition and ensure qualified firms have the opportunity to compete.</p> <p>* **Tiered pricing structures:** Explore tiered pricing based on channel size, complexity, and volume of sediment removed to account for diverse project needs.</p> <p>* **Clear change order procedures:** Establish transparent and defined processes for managing unforeseen circumstances or additional services, minimizing disputes and cost overruns.</p> <p>* **Payment terms aligned with performance:** Consider linking payment schedules to achievement of performance metrics to incentivize quality and timely service delivery.</p> <p>**Environmental Sustainability:**</p> <p>* **Prioritize minimal environmental impact:** Include clauses emphasizing responsible disposal of dredged materials, avoiding sensitive habitats, and adhering to environmental regulations.</p> <p>* **Habitat restoration considerations:** Explore opportunities to incorporate native plant revegetation or habitat restoration efforts into the service scope, promoting ecosystem health.</p>

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				<p>* **Sustainability metrics and reporting:** Encourage contractors to track and report on sustainability measures implemented during their work, such as fuel efficiency, reduced emissions, or responsible waste management.</p> <p>**Enhanced Communication and Collaboration:**</p> <p>* **Regular communication channels:** Establish open communication channels between the County and contractors to discuss challenges, share information, and plan upcoming work.</p> <p>* **Data sharing and joint analysis:** Explore data-sharing agreements to gain comprehensive insights into channel conditions, service effectiveness, and potential long-term trends.</p> <p>* **Community engagement:** Involve stakeholders like residents, environmental groups, and relevant agencies in discussions about channel maintenance needs and potential improvements.</p> <p>**Additional Considerations:**</p> <p>* **Local business participation:** Encourage contractors to hire local workers and subcontractors whenever possible to benefit the local economy.</p> <p>* **Emergency response plan:** Ensure the contract outlines clear procedures for addressing emergency situations like unexpected flooding or hazardous materials encounters.</p> <p>* **Long-term funding strategies:** Explore alternative funding models like multi-year contracts or public-private partnerships to ensure sustainable funding for ongoing channel maintenance.</p> <p>By implementing these suggestions and tailoring them to the specific context and needs of Los Angeles County, you can contribute to a strengthened Annual and On-Call Soft-Bottom Channel Facility Clearing Services Contract that ensures effective service delivery, prioritizes environmental sustainability, and fosters collaboration for the benefit of the community and ecosystem.</p>
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