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### Department Statement in Lieu of Live Testimony

#### March 12, 2024, Agenda Item 2 Public Hearing for the Drainage Benefit Assessment Area No. 36

My name is Mark Pestrella, and I am the Director of the Los Angeles County Public Works.

This item involves a hearing and tabulation of assessment ballots to determine if there is a majority protest to the formation of Drainage Benefit Assessment Area (DBAA) No. 36 and if no majority protest exists, we recommend approval and adoption of a resolution to establish DBAA No. 36.

A DBAA is an assessment district formed to finance the construction, operation, and/or maintenance of public drainage systems. Typically, DBAA's in the unincorporated County provide funds for the operation and maintenance of flood control facilities, drainage structures, and water quality enhancement devices constructed by developers. DBAA No. 36 is proposed to be formed for the purpose of imposing an annual assessment to pay for the operation and maintenance of a runoff treatment system constructed by a developer and dedicated to the County as a condition of approval for Tract Map No. 52796. The annual revenue collected from this assessment is estimated to be \$10,680. There is no other identified funding source for this service.

As required by the Benefit Assessment Act of 1982 and Proposition 218, an Engineer's Report has been prepared that describes the services provided to the assessed parcels, the cost of the services, and the assessment amount on each parcel. On December 19, 2023, the Board received and filed the Engineer's Report and set this public hearing to receive public testimony and determine whether a majority protest to the establishment of the DBAA exists.

I am familiar with these proceedings for the establishment of DBAA No. 36, including the determination and levy of annual assessments on the real property located therein to finance the operation and maintenance of runoff treatment systems in the Fifth Supervisorial District's unincorporated County area of Stevenson Ranch.

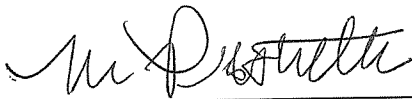
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In my opinion, the amount of the assessment on each parcel does not exceed the reasonable cost of the proportional special benefit conferred on the parcel as a result of the services financed by the assessment.

In the event that there is no majority protest, we are recommending that the Board adopt the resolution to establish DBAA No. 36 and to determine and levy an annual assessment on the parcels of real property located therein as described in the Engineer's Report.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the forgoing is true and correct.

Executed on March 5, 2024.



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Director of Public Works