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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
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**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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EDWARD YEN  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CORE SERVICE AREA  
DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO SPONSOR  
ACTIVITIES, EVENTS, AND PUBLICATIONS  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Public Works is seeking Board approval to authorize the Director of Public Works, acting on behalf of the County, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, and the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts, to sponsor activities; events; and publications with various organizations that support major Public Works initiatives, at a total annual cost of no more than \$100,000 for three years.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find that the proposed actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and the record.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to sponsor various activities, events, and publications with various organizations that address initiatives related to Transportation, Small Business Outreach, Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics Outreach, Sustainability, Environmental Services, and Water Resources, at a total annual cost of no more than \$50,000 for three years and to negotiate and execute any agreements necessary to carry out such sponsorships.

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

1. Find that the proposed actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and the record.

2. Authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to sponsor various activities, events, and publications on initiatives related to regional water supply, flood protection, water conservation, urban runoff management, water quality, and funding for water infrastructure projects at a total annual cost of no more than \$40,000 for three years and to negotiate and execute any agreements necessary to carry out such sponsorships.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICTS:**

1. Find that the proposed actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and the record.

2. Authorize the District Engineer of the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts to sponsor various activities, events, and publications on initiatives related to regional water supply, water conservation, water quality, and funding for water infrastructure projects at a total annual cost of no more than \$10,000 for three years and to negotiate and execute any agreements necessary to carry out such sponsorships.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to find that they are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to sponsor various activities events, and publications that would further the respective goals and objectives of Los Angeles County Public Works, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD), and the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts (LACWWDs). The delegated authority is requested for three years.

Each year, Public Works, the LACFCD, and the LACWWDs are asked to sponsor events where well-regarded scholars, industry leaders, policymakers, and elected officials present ideas and efforts that focus on policy, restoration, and innovation in areas such as to transportation, small business outreach, science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics (STEAM) outreach, sustainability, environmental services, and water resources. Sponsorship of these activities, events, and publications enhances and highlights the regional leadership role of the County of Los Angeles (County), LACFCD, and LACWWDs in core service areas.

Sponsoring such activities, events, and publications also furthers strategic initiatives and priorities, such as water quality and conservation, sustainability, transportation, and technology. The proposed delegated authority would allow Public Works, LACFCD, and the LACWWDs to sponsor a variety of activities and events to bring awareness to more communities and stakeholders regarding Public Works' diverse services and priorities, foster trust with community members, and enhance partnerships with key stakeholders. Depending on the event or activity, sponsorship benefits can include prominent display of a logo, attendance by Public Works staff, and opportunities to conduct outreach. Public Works, the LACFCD, and the LACWWDs are committed to supporting community organizations.

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: North Star 2, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, Focus Area Goal F, Community Connections, Strategy i, Engagement, by providing Public Works, the LACFCD, and the LACWWDs additional opportunities to collaborate with private industries and community organizations/agencies to promote effective decision-making, policy formation, and public services.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The total annual expenditures for the sponsorship of various activities, events, and publications will not exceed a total annual amount of \$50,000 in various funds that Public Works administers for the County, \$40,000 for the LACFCD, and \$10,000 for the LACWWDs. Funding will be made available in various Public Works, Flood Control District, and Waterworks Districts funds in Fiscal Year 2024-25. Funding for future years will be requested through the annual budget process. Where applicable, expenditures from a restricted fund would only be used to sponsor activities, events, and publications that relate to the statutory purposes of that funding source.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

To sponsor an activity, event, or publication, Public Works, the LACFCD, and/or the LACWWDs may be required to enter into an agreement with the partner or organizing agencies. Any such agreement would be limited by the maximum dollar amounts set forth above. Such agreements will be reviewed and approved by County Counsel prior to execution.

On June 27, 2023, the Board authorized the Director of Public Works or his designee in his capacity as Chief Engineer of the LACFCD and District Engineer of the LACWWDs to sponsor activities, events, and publications that address major Public Works initiatives, for a total amount of \$90,000 for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

On July 12, 2022, the Board authorized the Director of Public Works or his designee in his capacity as Chief Engineer of the LACFCD and District Engineer of the LACWWDs to sponsor activities, events, and publications that address major Public Works initiatives, for a total amount of \$90,000 for Fiscal Year 2022-23.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The recommended actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act because they are activities that are excluded from the definition of a project by Section 21065 of the Public Resources Code and Section 15378, subdivision (b) of the State California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines. This proposed action to delegate authority to the Director of Public Works to sponsor activities, events, and publications is an organizational or administrative activity of government, which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

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

No adverse impact on County Services.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return an adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Community and Government Relations Group.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Pestrella". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" and last name "Pestrella" clearly distinguishable.

MARK PESTRELLA, PE

Director

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County Counsel (Laura Jacobson)  
Executive Office