

ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends Section 2.18.015 of Title 2 – Administration – of the Los Angeles County Code, concerning the delegated authority of the Director of Public Works ("Director") to issue permits or enter into agreements for the use of real property under the Director's administrative control, and it extends that delegated authority through and including July 31, 2029.

This ordinance also amends Section 2.18.025 of Title 2 – Administration – of the Los Angeles County Code, to clarify the Director's authority to take specified actions to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act in connection with exercising the Director's delegated authority to acquire real property for use by the County of Los Angeles and other special districts for which the Board of Supervisors is the ex officio governing body, and to extend that delegated authority through and including July 31, 2029.

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Sections 2.18.015 and 2.18.025 of Title 2 – Administration – of the Los Angeles County Code, relating to the powers and duties of the Director of Public Works regarding real property.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2.18.015 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.18.015 Director of Public Works—Powers and Duties Generally.

In addition to the functions, duties, and responsibilities specified by the Charter of the County and by State statute or ordinance, and except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, the Director of Public Works ("Director") also shall have the duties specified in this Section:

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Q. To negotiate, enter into, and amend agreements, and issue permits, for the use of real property, or interests therein, or improvements to real property, under the administrative control of the Director, including properties owned by the County of Los Angeles and other special districts for which the Board of Supervisors is the ex officio governing body, in accordance with the following provisions:

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5. Except as provided in subsection R, below, the authority granted to the Director pursuant to this subsection, as it pertains to agreements for the use of real

properties owned by the County of Los Angeles, shall be effective through and including ~~May 1, 2025, July 31, 2029~~, after which time it shall be deemed expired and of no further effect.

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SECTION 2. Section 2.18.025 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.18.025 Director—Purchase of Real Property—\$75,000.00 or Less.

The Director is hereby authorized to perform all acts necessary to approve and accept the acquisition of any interest in real property for use by the County of Los Angeles or the ~~Los Angeles County Flood Control District~~ any special district for which the Board of Supervisors is the ex officio governing body where the purchase price, if any, for such interest does not exceed \$75,000.00 in accordance with the following specified procedures:

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B. Environmental Clearance. The ~~purchase~~ acquisition may not be consummated prior to compliance with the applicable environmental statutes and regulations. The Director is authorized to take the following actions related to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") in connection with exercising the authority delegated to the Director in this Section:

1. Determine whether the acquisition constitutes a project under CEQA and, if so, whether that project is exempt from CEQA;

2. Review and consider Environmental Impact Reports, Mitigated Negative Declarations, and Negative Declarations certified or adopted by other public agencies, and determine whether the acquisition is within the scope thereof;

3. Determine whether or not an acquisition that is within the scope of an Environmental Impact Report, Mitigated Negative Declaration, or Negative Declaration certified or adopted by another public agency would have a significant effect on the environment;

4. With respect to subsection B.3, above, make findings as required by section 15091 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations; and

5. Adopt a mitigation monitoring program, as necessary, to comply with section 15096 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

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H. Expiration of Authority. The authority granted to the Director pursuant to this Section to acquire any interest in real property for the County of Los Angeles shall be effective through and including July 31, ~~2024~~2029, after which time it shall be deemed expired and of no further effect.

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