AGN. NO.
March 17, 2026

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN

Addressing Trash and Debris in the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers

The Los Angeles River (LA River) and San Gabriel River are two of Los Angeles County's (County) most significant waterways, serving as vital natural resources, recreational corridors, and flood control channels for millions of residents. These rivers cross through dozens of communities, from the San Gabriel Mountains to the neighborhoods and industrial corridors of Southeast Los Angeles, and ultimately discharge into the Pacific Ocean at the Cities of Long Beach and Seal Beach.

Unfortunately, both rivers face ongoing challenges from trash, debris, and illegal dumping that threaten water quality, public safety, wildlife habitats, and community enjoyment of these spaces. Despite continued efforts by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (Public Works), the Flood Control District, and numerous community partners to prevent and remove trash from our waterways, persistent waste accumulation remains a significant environmental and public health concern.

Trash and pollutants that enter storm drains in upstream areas flow downstream through the County's flood control system, ultimately depositing at the mouths of the LA and San Gabriel Rivers. This downstream movement places a disproportionate burden on communities in the southern part of the County, particularly the City of Long Beach, which must contend with large volumes of litter and marine debris washing onto their

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beaches and into coastal waters after every major storm. The City of Long Beach has stated that between 2020 and 2024, they collected more than 25 million pounds of trash and debris carried downstream from the LA River at a cost of $12.3 million dollars. In addition, this issue not only harms local ecosystems and requires a lot of funding but also impacts public recreation, coastal tourism, and the quality of life for residents in these communities.

In recent years, the County and its partners have implemented a range of innovative infrastructure projects designed to intercept trash before it reaches the ocean. Notably, The Ocean Cleanup organization, in partnership with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, deployed an Interceptor project in Ballona Creek to capture floating debris and prevent it from entering Santa Monica Bay. The Fourth District and Public Works are once again working with The Ocean Cleanup to bring another trash interception infrastructure to our waterways. As part of this motion, we are proposing approval of two Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with The Ocean Clean Up, one will include the City of Long Beach for the LA River and the second with the City of Seal Beach for the San Gabriel River. These non-binding MOUs allow us to continue working together towards our shared goal of keeping trash out of our waterways.

Other trash capture devices, full-capture systems, and stormwater treatment facilities have been installed throughout the County. While these efforts represent important progress, they also highlight the need for broader, coordinated strategies across all river systems to ensure consistent and effective trash prevention from source to sea.

A comprehensive and sustained approach is needed to address the sources and impacts of trash and debris in these rivers, including upstream source reduction. Strengthened interagency coordination, enhanced cleanup operations, community

engagement, and infrastructure investments can help ensure that our waterways are clean, safe, and accessible for all residents of the County.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

Direct the Department of Public Works, in coordination with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, in collaboration with the Chief Sustainability Office to:

1. Conduct outreach and education to the cities and communities located along the Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River to increase awareness of the sources and impacts of trash in these waterways, and to share best practices and available tools for preventing litter from entering storm drains and river channels;
2. Collaborate with the City of Long Beach to support and enhance its ongoing efforts to mitigate the accumulation of trash and debris at the river mouths and along its shoreline, and to identify opportunities for joint cleanup, prevention, and public education initiatives;
3. Evaluate opportunities for regional coordination, including partnerships with cities, community organizations, and other agencies, to expand trash capture infrastructure, enforcement, and stormwater management projects that reduce the amount of waste entering the rivers; and
4. Report back to the Board in 120 days with findings and recommendations, including potential funding sources, partnership models, and policy options to strengthen trash reduction efforts along the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers and protect downstream communities and coastal resources.

I FUTHER MOVE that the Board of Supervisors approve the attached Memorandums of Understanding with The Ocean Clean Up, City of Long Beach, and City of Seal Beach.

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Memorandum of Understanding

This non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (the "Memorandum") is made by and between The Ocean Cleanup Interception B.V. at Coolsingel 6, 3011 AD Rotterdam, The Netherlands (hereinafter referred to as "THE OCEAN CLEANUP"), the County of Los Angeles at 500 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles, California 90012 (hereinafter referred to as LA COUNTY), and the City of Long Beach at 411 W. Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, California 90802 (hereinafter referred to as "CITY"), individually referred to as a "Party" and collectively referred to as Parties ("Parties"), for the purpose of exploring the various aims and objectives, and memorializing the basic terms and conditions, under which a future cooperation agreement (the "Cooperation Agreement") by and between the Parties would be consummated relating to potential implementation of a riverine plastic interception system in the non-structural portion of the Los Angeles River within the County of Los Angeles and the City of Long Beach (the "Proposed Project"). Hereinafter, LA COUNTY and CITY together are referred to as Local Agencies ("Local Agencies"), but other local agencies may be considered as future parties for future agreements and activities as well.

i. WHEREAS the Parties desire to enter into this Memorandum as a broad statement of intent, to explore the Proposed Project and what would be required of each Party if they were to move forward to negotiate a future Cooperation Agreement;
ii. WHEREAS the Parties desire to complete the Marine Debris and Trash Capture Project for the Los Angeles River Feasibility Study, the results of which would be necessary prior to the potential development of a mutually agreed upon Proposed Project.
iii. WHEREAS the Parties may - as a next step - enter into a Cooperation Agreement, setting out the working arrangements and responsibilities that each of the Parties agrees are necessary to complete the Proposed Project.

The Parties acknowledge that no contractual relationship is created between them by this Memorandum but agree to work together in the true spirit of cooperation to explore the Proposed Project and what financial, administrative and managerial commitment would be required of each Party to the Proposed Project, should the Parties choose to move forward to negotiate a Cooperation Agreement. By executing this Memorandum, no Party is undertaking steps that would be a commitment to the Proposed Project. The Parties reserve the right to decline to move forward with the Proposed Project. Nothing in this Memorandum shall be construed to create a partnership, joint venture or agency relationship between the Parties. No Party has authority to bind or obligate any other Party, and no Party shall represent that it has such authority.

The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide a framework for the Parties to explore the Proposed Project's general goals and each Party's potential role while acknowledging that separate, future binding contract(s) and/or agreement(s) regarding the Proposed Project between THE OCEAN CLEANUP and Local Agencies would be necessary to create any contractual obligations. Any future Cooperation Agreement or any other potential future binding agreement between THE OCEAN CLEANUP and Local Agencies would be required to be agreed upon in writing, and is subject to each of the Parties' formal approvals and secured funding.

No liability will arise or be assumed between the Parties as a result of this Memorandum. Each Party shall be solely responsible for its own costs and expenses incurred in connection with this Memorandum and any activities undertaken in furtherance of exploring the Proposed Project, unless otherwise expressly agreed in a separate written agreement executed by the Parties and approved in accordance with applicable law.

The following identifies such basic terms and conditions for the future Cooperation Agreement:

I. Obligations of the Parties

1. Cooperation and Services

The potential activities and services ("Services") to be explored for the Proposed Project could include, but not be limited to:

1.a. As to THE OCEAN CLEANUP the following services:

- Procurement of monitoring equipment for Los Angeles River ;
- Analyses of monitoring data collected from the equipment;
- and - subject to THE OCEAN CLEANUP's review of the feasibility study results and determination that the findings support a technically feasible and economically viable project;
- Facilitate design and engineering services with LA COUNTY and CITY approval at various stages of development including, but not limited to, requirements from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis necessary to ultimately design, construct, and implement a riverine plastic interception system in Los Angeles River for the Proposed Project;
- Contribute services necessary to perform construction and installation of the riverine plastic interception system; and
- Continue to support the riverine plastic interception system for the duration of the Cooperation Agreement.

1.b. As to the CITY, the following services:

- Working with government agencies to provide necessary permits, authorizations, resolutions and/or licenses for the assembly, installation and operation of monitoring equipment, subject at all times to applicable legal requirements and all discretionary approvals and process of the applicable public agencies;
- Providing non-confidential information, as available, from the feasibility study efforts, subject to applicable law and any applicable privileges; and
- Sharing hydrological and other data related to Los Angeles River.

1.c. As to LA COUNTY, the following services:

- Working with the CITY, other local agencies, and THE OCEAN CLEANUP to provide necessary access and encroachment permits;
- Endeavoring to assign and deliver ongoing operations and maintenance services upon determination of a technically feasible and economically viable project and in alignment with a completed feasibility study, review and approval of design and construction documents at appropriate project phases, and completion of the LA County approved Proposed Project and final acceptance by LA COUNTY; and
- Sharing non-confidential hydrological and other data related to the Los Angeles River, subject to applicable law and any applicable privileges.

2. Resources

The Parties, if a binding Cooperation Agreement is signed, will endeavor to recommend final (city council/board) approval and seek to secure any financial support necessary to fulfill their individual contributions at the start of the respective design, construction, or operations and maintenance phases for successful delivery of the Proposed Project, as further described in a signed future Cooperation Agreement. Subject to the terms of a potential future signed Cooperation Agreement, the resources contributed by the Parties could include:

2.a. As to THE OCEAN CLEANUP: provide the following financial, material and labor resources in respect of the Proposed Project:

- Funding for the necessary labor and materials to deliver the Services outlined in the Section 1.a. above.

2.b. As to CITY: provide the following financial, material and labor resources with respect to the Proposed Project:

- Subject to the availability of appropriated funds and all required approval, CITY may fund necessary labor and materials to deliver the Services outlined in the Section 1.b. above, as separately authorized in writing.

2.c. As to LA COUNTY provide the following financial, material and labor resources in respect of the Proposed Project:

- Subject to the availability of appropriated funds and all required approval, LA COUNTY may fund necessary labor and materials to deliver the Services outlined in the Section 1.c. above, as separately authorized in writing.

3. Confidentiality & Communication Strategy

The Parties agree to keep all sensitive information shared and clearly marked as much in connection with this Memorandum confidential, unless required by law or agreed upon in writing by the Parties. The Parties shall not use each other's name or logos without prior written approval of the Party. The Parties agree to maintain the confidentiality of any proprietary marketing strategies shared and clearly marked as much as part of the Proposed Project. The Parties agree not to make any disparaging remarks or statements about the other party in any form of communication.

Communication of the vision and any media or other public relations contact should always be consistent with the aims of the Proposed Project and only undertaken with the express agreement of all Parties. Where it does not breach any confidentiality protocols, a spirit of open and transparent communication should be adhered to. As applicable, coordinated communications should be made with external organizations to elicit their support and further the aims of the Proposed Project. Notwithstanding anything in this Section 3, TOC acknowledges that the Local Agencies are government agencies, and thus are subject to broad disclosure obligations under applicable law, including the California Public Records Act, and each hold respective governing body meetings, which are open to the public and at which information concerning this Memorandum, the Proposed Project, and a potential Cooperation Agreement may be disclosed, and including any documents to be approved by their respective governing bodies. Nothing in this Memorandum shall prohibit any disclosure required by law. Nothing in this Memorandum shall be construed to limit CITY'S or LA COUNTY'S obligations to comply with the California Public Records Act, the Ralph M. Brown Act, or any other applicable disclosure or open meeting laws, and compliance with such laws shall not constitute a breach of this Memorandum.

4. Governing Law

The Memorandum shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

5. Intellectual Property

The intellectual property related to The Ocean Cleanup's plastic collection and ocean cleanup technology shall remain the exclusive property of The Ocean Cleanup. For data gathered through monitoring equipment (such as

cameras), The Ocean Cleanup does not own the software and programming, yet has access to the data provided by the supplier of the equipment.

All parties retain ownership of their respective trademarks, logos, and intellectual property. Unauthorized use, replication, or modification of these assets is strictly prohibited.

II. Additional Terms

It is mutually agreed upon and understood by and among the Parties of this Memorandum that:

a. The Parties will work together in a coordinated fashion to explore what would be needed for the fulfillment of the Proposed Project.
b. In no way does this Memorandum restrict involved Parties from participating in similar agreements with other public or private agencies, organizations, and individuals.
c. Nothing in this Memorandum shall be construed as creating legally binding obligations between the Parties to enter into a Cooperation Agreement. No Party is obligated to negotiate or execute any future agreement, and any future agreement shall be effective only if in writing and executed by the Parties in accordance with applicable law.
d. Nothing in this Memorandum shall obligate any Party to the transfer of funds. Any endeavor involving reimbursement or contribution of funds between the Parties of this Memorandum will be handled in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and procedures. Such endeavors will be outlined in separate agreements that shall be made in writing by representatives of the Parties involved and shall be independently authorized by appropriate statutory authority. This Memorandum does not provide such authority.
e. The Parties hereby agree that finalization of this Memorandum will not generate any right to compensation, monetary or otherwise, for any of the parties of this Memorandum.
f. This Memorandum is not intended to, and does not, create any right, benefit, or trust responsibility. No third party beneficiaries are intended to be created or are created by this Memorandum.
g. Any Party may terminate its participation in this Memorandum without cause by providing written notice to other Parties at least 30 days in advance.
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III. Signatories

This non-binding Memorandum is signed by a representative of each Party.

By: Date:

The Ocean Cleanup
Marco Piët, Rivers Director

By: Date:

City of Long Beach,
City Manager

By: Date:

County of Los Angeles,
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i. WHEREAS the Parties desire to enter into this Memorandum as a broad statement of intent, to explore the Proposed Project and what would be required of each Party if they were to move forward to negotiate a future Cooperation Agreement;
ii. WHEREAS the Parties desire to complete the San Gabriel River Trash Mitigation Initiative Feasibility Study (Feasibility Study), the results of which would be necessary prior to the potential development of a mutually agreed upon Proposed Project.
iii. WHEREAS, the CITY and THE OCEAN CLEANUP have entered into a "Mutual Services Agreement" for Project research activities including monitoring for the San Gabriel River dated 8 August 2025;
iv. WHEREAS the Parties may - as a next step - enter into a Cooperation Agreement, setting out the working arrangements and responsibilities that each of the Parties agrees are necessary to complete the Proposed Project.

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By: Date:

The Ocean Cleanup
Marco Piët, Rivers Director

By: Lisa Landau Date: 1/30/2026

City of Seal Beach,
City Councilmember

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By _____ Date: _____

Director of Public Works

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Dawyn Harrison
County Counsel

By _____ Date: _____

Deputy

RESOLUTION 7724

A RESOLUTION OF THE SEAL BEACH CITY COUNCIL APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE OCEAN CLEANUP AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER TRASH MITIGATION INITIATIVE (CIP SD2501)

WHEREAS, representatives of the State of California Assembly, County of Orange (Orange County), County of Los Angeles (LA County), Cities of Long Beach and Seal Beach (Agencies), and other regional entities endeavor to enhance cooperative efforts, support technical feasibility, design, and implementation activities, and identify funding for the San Gabriel River Trash Mitigation Initiative (Initiative); and,

WHEREAS, the Initiative includes program management, project oversight, key stakeholder engagement, a feasibility / alternative recommendations study phase (Feasibility Study), a future final design phase, a future implementation phase, and operational beach clean-up efforts for the public beach owned and maintained by the City of Seal Beach (City); and,

WHEREAS, Orange County has transferred funding in the amount of $525,000 to the City for executing associated Initiative efforts including program management, project oversight, key stakeholder engagement, the Feasibility Study phase, and operational beach clean-up efforts for the public beach owned and maintained by the City; and has collaborated in good faith in the delivery of these outlined responsibilities; and,

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2024, City Council adopted Resolution 7499 accepting $525,000 of funding from Orange County and authorizing the City Manager to execute applicable actions associated with the Initiative; and,

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2024, the City Council adopted Resolution 7578 to award a professional services agreement, as the result of a Request for Proposals process, to Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for execution of the San Gabriel River Trash Mitigation Feasibility Study (CIP SD2501); and,

WHEREAS, the Initiative representatives have made great progress in raising awareness of coastal trash issues and the need to mitigate this debris to maintain clean beaches and oceans and resulting in improved habitat for area wildlife; and,

WHEREAS, the early success of the Initiative gained interest from The Ocean Cleanup to provide private funding to analyze, design, and implement a project from the final recommendations of the Feasibility Study; and,

WHEREAS, A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Seal

Beach, LA County, and The Ocean Cleanup has been prepared to outline the terms of a potential cooperative agreement to implement the project; and,

WHEREAS, LA County has jurisdictional authority of the Lower San Gabriel River regional flood control facility and baseline responsibilities for operations and maintenance; and,

WHEREAS, based upon the review of the MOU by the City and LA County, the City Council finds that execution of the MOU between the City, LA County, and The Ocean Cleanup is in the best interest of the City and the City's public beach.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Seal Beach City Council does resolve, declare, determine, and order as follows:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are hereby adopted by reference as though set forth in full.

Section 2. The City Council hereby approves the Memorandum of Understanding that sets forth the terms for a future agreement to implement a trash mitigation device or devices.

Section 3. The City Council authorizes and directs the Mayor to execute the Memorandum of Understanding.

Section 4. The City Council authorizes the City Manager to transmit to The Ocean Cleanup the City-approved San Gabriel River Trash Mitigation Initiative – Feasibility Study.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Seal Beach City Council at a regular meeting held on the 12th day of January 2026 by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Kalmick, Senecal, Steele, Wong, Landau

NOES: Council Members _____

ABSENT: Council Members _____

ABSTAIN: Council Members _____

Lisa Landau

Lisa Landau, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gloria D. Harper, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
COUNTY OF ORANGE } SS
CITY OF SEAL BEACH }

I, Gloria D. Harper, City Clerk of the City of Seal Beach, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is the original copy of Resolution 7712 on file in the office of the City Clerk, passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council at a regular meeting held on the 12th day of January 2026.

Gloria D. Harper, City Clerk