

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 05-70

DATE: March 16, 2005

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: PROPOSITION "O" - CLEAN WATER, OCEAN, RIVER, BEACH, BAY
STORM WATER CLEANUP MEASURE

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Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board direct staff to establish a task force to assist the Bureau of Sanitation in identifying the appropriate park sites and participate in the design and construction process of the various Proposition "O" projects to be constructed on park property.

SUMMARY:

The Federal Clean Water Act, first passed in 1972 with subsequent additions in 1977 and 1987, requires that the nation's water bodies be protected from sources of pollution so that oceans, rivers, beaches, and bays comply with water quality standards called "Total Maximum Daily Loads" (TMDL). A TMDL is the maximum amount of pollutant that a water body can receive and still meet water quality standards.

Locally, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, in cooperation with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, has or will soon adopt nine major TMDL's. These locations include:

- (1) Los Angeles River Trash TMDL
- (2) Ballona Creek Trash TMDL
- (3) Santa Monica Bay Beaches Dry and Wet Weather Bacteria TMDL
- (4) Marina Del Rey Dry and Wet Weather Bacteria TMDL
- (5) Cabrillo Beach Dry and Wet Weather Bacteria TMDL
- (6) Los Angeles River Nutrients TMDL
- (7) Los Angeles River Metals TMDL
- (8) Ballona Creek Metals TMDL
- (9) Ballona Creek Sediment TMDL

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It is estimated by the Bureau of Sanitation, prior to the ballot measure that it will cost more than \$500 million dollars to design and construct the many projects that would allow the City of Los Angeles to comply with the nine TMDL's indicated above. In November 2004, the residents of Los Angeles approved Proposition "O" which allows for the issuance of general obligation bonds over a five (5) year period to provide the necessary funding to pay for the proposed construction projects.

The lead city agency on this endeavor is the Bureau of Sanitation. Should the Board concur and so instruct, Department staff would work closely with the Bureau of Sanitation in identifying the appropriate park sites that may be impacted by the proposed construction projects. Department staff will also participate in the design and construction process to ensure that Department and park user concerns are addressed appropriately.

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