

**TO THE COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

Your

**ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**reports as follows:**

INITIAL STUDY/MITIATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION and ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Albion Dairy Demolition and Remediation and Albion Riverside Park Project.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that, on the basis of the whole record, there is no substantial evidence that the Albion Dairy Demolition and Remediation and Albion Riverside Park Project will have a significant effect on the environment and that the Mitigated Negative Declaration (NG-10-476-BE; SCH No. 2011011018) reflects the City's independent judgment and analysis.
2. ADOPT the Mitigated Negative Declaration (NG-10-476-BE; SCH No. 2011011018), as attached to the Council file.
3. APPROVE the Albion Dairy Demolition and Remediation and Albion Riverside Park Project as described in the March 23, 2011 Board of Public Works (Board) report and attached to the Council file.
4. ADOPT the Mitigation Monitoring Program, as attached to the Council file.

Fiscal Impact Statement Submitted: The Board reports that the Albion Dairy Demolition and Remediation and Albion Riverside Park Project has a budget of \$3,956,400 for Phase 1. The funding for Phase 1 is from Proposition O General Obligation Bond Funding and it was approved by Council on August 13, 2010 (Council File No. 09-0571). Funding for the other phases on the project (Phases 2 and 3) is pending.

Community Impact Statement Submitted: No

Summary:

On April 5, 2011, your Committee considered a March 23, 2011 Board report and Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (NG-10-476-BE; SCH No. 2011011018) relative to the Albion Dairy Demolition and Remediation and Albion Riverside Park Project. According to the Board, the Project site is comprised of two areas: the Albion Dairy site (at 1739 Albion Street) and the southern portion of the Downey Recreation Center (1772 N. Spring Street). The project site is located within the Upper Los Angeles River Area watershed and within Reach 2 of the Los Angeles River. The Los Angeles River is designated as an impaired water body by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board. Impairments for Reach 2 identified on the 303(d) List (2006) include coliforms, oil and grease, trash, and pathogens. Urban runoff has the potential to contribute trash, oil and grease, nutrients, suspended solids, metals, hydrocarbons, and pathogens to the stormwater conveyance system and ultimately to the receiving waters (i.e., Los Angeles River).

The objective for this site is to implement a Proposition O project to improve water quality and minimize, to the maximum extent practicable, the introduction of pollutants of concern into the stormwater conveyance system. This objective can be accomplished by implementing a water quality improvement project on-site that would divert and clean a portion of the flows from storm drains that run parallel to North Spring Street and underneath Albion Street. Pollutants would be removed from the nearby storm drains before the flow outlets to the Los Angeles River. In addition, surface flows and associated pollutants from the northern side of Albion Street, adjacent to the site, as well as from the proposed parking lot to be constructed on-site, would also be captured.

Intercepting a portion of wet and dry weather runoff prior to its release into Reach 2 of the Los Angeles River is expected to reduce pollutant loads and improve water quality. The proposed Project location was selected based on its location near the Los Angeles River and the existing Downey Recreation Center. The Albion Dairy portion of the project site is identified in the City's Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan and the Draft Cornfield/Arroyo Seco Specific Plan as a potential site for open space and a potential future park and recreational facility, outdoor classrooms, and/or a River learning center. Phase 1 of the project is funded by Proposition O, a \$500 million Clean Water Bond Measure approved by City of Los Angeles voters on November 5, 2004. The primary objective of all Proposition O funded projects is to protect public health by cleaning up pollution in the City's watercourses, beaches, and the ocean.

After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations as contained in the March 23, 2011 Board report and detailed in the above recommendations. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
PERRY:	YES
CÁRDENAS:	YES
ALARCÓN:	YES
KORETZ:	ABSENT
KREKORIAN:	ABSENT

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