

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AGING AND RIVER COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the City's participation as a Non-Federal Sponsor for the United States Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Los Angeles River Ecosystem Restoration (LARER) Project, also known as Alternative 20.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (O'Farrell - Krekorian):

1. ADOPT the preliminary funding framework for the LARER Project, as described in the City Administrative Officer (CAO) report dated February 23, 2015, attached to the Council file.
2. INSTRUCT the CAO to complete and sign the Non-Federal Sponsor's Self-Certification of Financial Capability for Decision Documents form.
3. AUTHORIZE the City Engineer to complete and sign the Non-Federal Sponsor's Letter of Intent for the Project and submit it with the CAO signed form to the USACE on behalf of the City.
4. NOTE and FILE the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) report dated March 20, 2015.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that adoption of the recommendations in this report does not obligate the City to spend monies but signing the Non-Federal Sponsor's Self Certification document certifies that the City has the financial capacity to do so. In order to make this finding, the Council and the Mayor would need to adopt the preliminary funding framework for the LARER project. The CAO also notes that failure to obtain sufficient funds from the sources outlined in the framework may add pressure to the General Fund and/or require the City to seek alternative funding sources.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Budget and Finance Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

Summary:

On March 23, 2015, the Arts, Parks, Health, Aging and River Committee considered a CLA report dated March 20, 2015, Bureau of Engineering (BOE) reports dated March 16, 2015 and February 20, 2015, and a CAO report dated February 23, 2015, in response to Motion (O'Farrell - Krekorian) relative to the City's participation as a Non-Federal Sponsor for the USACE's LARER Project, also known as Alternative 20. The reports, attached to the Council file, provide background information. During the discussion of this item, the City Engineer and the representatives for the CLA and the CAO provided an overview of their respective reports and responded to various related questions from the Committee members.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council note and file the March 20, 2015 report from the CLA. The Committee also recommended that Council approve the recommendations in the Revised BOE report dated March 16, 2015 and in

the CAO report dated February 23, 2015 as reflected above. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AGING AND RIVER COMMITTEE

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MEMBER VOTE

O'FARRELL: YES

LABONGE: YES

BUSCAINO: YES

CEDILLO: YES

PRICE: ABSENT

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