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The \$5.4-billion Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84) was passed by the voters on November 7, 2006. Under the Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grant Program, agencies are to be part of the Regional Water Management Group (Group) in accordance with the IRWM Plan Act of 2002, Division 6, Part 2.2 of the California Water Code, and Proposition 84, Division 43, Chapter 2.

The City of Los Angeles (City) Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) and other agencies previously signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to be part of the Group within the Greater Los Angeles County (GLAC) Region. The Group was formed to coordinate long-term water resource management planning efforts in preparation of the GLAC Region Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP), and to address water supply and water quality needs and objectives by integrating strategies and projects that may include water conservation and recycling, desalination, conjunctive use, flood management, stormwater and urban runoff quality, wastewater quality, habitat restoration and protection, wetland enhancement and creation, recreation, open space, and other water resource management initiatives.

Additionally, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles adopted a resolution on September 14, 2010, authorizing the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) to file applications for Proposition 84 IRWM Planning and Implementation Grant funds with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) on behalf of itself and the Group. LACFCD submitted an implementation grant proposal to DWR that was comprised of twelve (12) projects, including the City's Vermont Avenue Stormwater Capture and Green Street Project. DWR subsequently awarded an implementation grant of twenty-three million, four hundred thousand dollars (\$23,400,000) to LACFCD to serve as the Grantee and the local entities that proposed the thirteen projects to serve as Local Project Sponsors (LPSs). The City is the LPS for the Project.

The Vermont Stormwater Capture and Green Street Project (Project) is implementing a series of stormwater best management practices (BMPs) along Vermont Avenue within Council District 8. The Project employs various stormwater management techniques for the purpose of reducing stormwater flows, improve water quality, relieve nuisance flooding, add greening elements in the neighborhood and enhance watershed health. The Project has already been fully funded under Proposition O Program in the Amount of \$3,700,000. The City's funding for the project is being offset by \$1,145,000 grant by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and \$604,500 from the IRWMP grant for the Phase I of the Project.

Currently the LACFCD and DWR are in the process of amending the Proposition 84 grant funding for the regional grant and will add \$1,200,000 for the Phase II of the Project. This funding is destined to cover expenses for project components even though the project has been completed. This additional grant funding will be used to offset proposition O contribution to the project.

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The previous Memorandum of Understanding between the LACFCD and the City LASAN was executed on July 21, 2014 that allowed the use of \$604,500 for the project. It is understood by both parties that another MOU is needed for the City to utilize the additional funding of \$1,200,000.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, authorize the Director of the Bureau of Sanitation, or designee, to execute an MOU with the LACFCD, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, relative to the implementation and funding of the Vermont Avenue Stormwater Capture and Green Street Project AKA the Multi-Benefit Water Conservation Project;

I Further MOVE that the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, authorize the Director of the Bureau of Sanitation, or designee, to accept grant funding, to conduct all negotiations, to provide additional information, to render and certify payment of invoices on behalf of the City of Los Angeles, and to execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, or amendments, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, which may be necessary to secure an award of Proposition 84 IRWM Grant Program funding, in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000, from the State of California Department of Water Resources, through the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, for the Vermont Avenue Stormwater Capture and Green Street Project AKA the Multi-Benefit Water Conservation Project.

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