

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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Council File No. –
Council District – 4, 5, 11, 3, 15

Date: June 3, 2025

To: Los Angeles City Council

From: 
Matthew W. Szabo, Chair
Measure W - Safe, Clean Water Program - Administrative Oversight Committee

Subject: **TRANSMITTAL – RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO THE BUREAU OF
SANITATION REPORTS FOR LETTERS OF NON-OBJECTION AND LETTERS
OF SUPPORT FOR THE ROUND 7 (FY 2026/27) SAFE, CLEAN WATER
COMMUNITY PROJECTS PROPOSAL EVALUATIONS**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council, subject to approval by the Mayor, approve the recommendations in the Reports provided by the Bureau of Sanitation for the Letters of Non-Objection and Letters of Support for the Round 7 (FY 2026/27) of Safe, Clean Water Community Projects Proposals.

SUMMARY

At its regular meeting on May 29, 2025, the Administrative Oversight Committee of the Measure W – Safe, Clean Water Program (Measure W AOC) considered multiple Bureau of Sanitation reports regarding requested letters of non-objection and / or support for community projects and those not initiated by the City. After some discussion, the Committee rendered its decisions which are hereby transmitted to Council for consideration.

The Committee adopted the reports' recommendations that provide a Letter of Non-Objection to be submitted for:

- Culver Median Stormwater Infrastructure Feasibility Study in CD 11, and
- Reimagining La Brea Tar Pits Project in CD 5;

The Committee adopted report recommendations that provide a Letter of Support to be submitted for:

- Los Angeles Harbor College Central and West Campus Underground Infiltration and Biofiltration Project in CD 15

In accordance with the Council approved Proposed Project support Letter Policy which was approved May 17, 2023 and distributed to all stakeholders implementing Measure W projects (C.F. 18-0384-S3) the AOC cited a lack of approval and insufficient information, and subsequently declined to provide support or non-objection letters until such time that proper approvals are secured from Department of Water and Power and Department of Recreation and Parks as required before submission for support letters for two projects. The Committee actions are consistent with the policy and recommendations from the Bureau.

The AOC agreed to NOT provide a Letter of Non-Objection to be submitted for:

- Eucalyptus Grove: Silver Lake Reservoir Stormwater Capture Project (CD 4 and CD 13)

The Committee also concurred with the Bureau's report recommendation of not providing a Letter of Support for:

- Fern Dell Restoration and Stormwater Capture Project in CD 4.

Council approval is now required to advance the AOC letters of non-objection and support.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund from approval of the recommendations in this report as the action is administrative only.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The recommendations of this report comply with the City's Financial Policies in that there is no anticipated impact to the General Fund or City's special funds.

Attachments - May 29, 2025 Reports from the Bureau of Sanitation regarding the Round 7 (FY 26/27) Safe, Clean Water Community Proposed Project Proposal Evaluation for Letters of Non-Objection and Letters of Support from the City of Los Angeles –

- A. Culver Median Stormwater Infrastructure Feasibility Study (CD 11) by Del Rey Neighborhood Council,
- B. Eucalyptus Grove: Silver Lake Reservoir Stormwater Capture Project (CD 4 and 13) by the Silver Lakes Reservoirs Conservancy,
- C. Fern Dell Restoration and Stormwater Capture Project (CD 4) by Friends of Griffith Park,
- D. Los Angeles Harbor College Central and West Campus Underground Infiltration and Biofiltration Project (CD 15) by LA Community College District,
- E. Reimagining La Brea Tar Pits Project (CD 5) by Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History Foundation

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To: Measure W: Safe, Clean Water Program Administrative Oversight Committee
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LA Sanitation & Environment

Subject: Round 7 (FY 26/27) Safe, Clean Water Community Proposed Project Proposal Evaluation for a Letter of Non-Objection from the City of Los Angeles - Culver Median Stormwater Infrastructure Feasibility Study (CD 11) by Del Rey Neighborhood Council

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the recommendation by LA Sanitation and Environment (LASAN) for the Measure W: Safe, Clean Water Program Administrative Oversight Committee (AOC) to issue a Letter of Non-Objection to Del Rey Neighborhood Council's submission of the Culver Median Stormwater Infrastructure Feasibility Study to the Safe, Clean Water Regional Technical Resources Program (TRP).
2. Authorize LASAN and the City Administrative Officer, with the concurrence of the Chief Legislative Analyst and the Mayor's Office, to draft and issue a Letter of Non-Objection for the project.

BACKGROUND

The Safe, Clean Water Regional TRP application process recommends community proposed project applicants, such as Del Rey Neighborhood Council, to include a Letter of Non-Objection from the municipality in which the project is proposed. The Letter of Non-Objection issued by the City of Los Angeles (City) summarizes the identified need for the project, the project's benefits to the City, and emphasizes the future need for detailed operation and maintenance plans.

Del Rey Neighborhood Council is requesting a Letter of Non-Objection from the City for the Culver Median Stormwater Infrastructure Feasibility Study (Project) located northeast of Marina Del Rey along Culver Blvd. in the Central Santa Monica Bay watershed. Del Rey Neighborhood Council (Project Proponent) is a City of Los Angeles certified organization that advocates for the increase of community influence in City

governance and decision making processes, such as prioritization of issues in the Del Rey Neighborhood.

The Project Proponent intends to submit this application as part of the Round 7 Regional Safe, Clean Water TRP to the Central Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area, due on July 31, 2025. The Project Proponent hopes to develop the remaining technical details of the Project using Regional TRP funds and potentially apply for future Regional Infrastructure Program funding in future Safe, Clean Water funding rounds.

The Project proposes stormwater capture through the implementation of permeable asphalt paths, bioswales, and decomposed granite paths. Stormwater will enter a biofiltration BMP and potentially contribute towards water quality improvements in the Ballona Creek Watershed. The Project also proposes improvements such as providing necessary alternatives to vehicular driving and reliance on mass transit, access to clean and safe bike routes, reducing reliance on gas-powered vehicular modes, improving air quality, reducing the vehicle space occupied on roads and properties, offering safer & pollution free mobility, more pollution-absorbing trees, more native and adaptable plantings that provide shade, integration of stormwater capture to provide onsite irrigation, and other recreational benefits.

At this time, the Project Proponent has not provided detailed information for total cost estimation, specific BMP implementation, or the hydrology pertaining to the proposed amount of stormwater captured, treated, and retained by the Project. The requested details for the Project will be developed in the feasibility study development using TRP funds.

CONSIDERATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

LASAN leads City efforts to review requests for letters of support or non-objection for the Safe Clean Water Regional Program. As part of the review process, LASAN coordinated and received feedback from various stakeholders: including the project proponents, watershed coordinators, other City departments, and the City's Safe, Clean Water Program Working Group (Working Group), to make final recommendations for the AOC to consider. In the review of this specific request, and in alignment with the *City's Policies and Procedures for Review of Safe, Clean Water Program Community Proposed Projects*, it was determined that:

- The Project generally aligns with Safe, Clean Water Program guidelines and provides potential benefits of water quality, water supply, and community investment benefits.
- The Project is proposed in an area of the City that is not currently addressed by existing water quality projects mitigating runoff and may contribute towards the City's compliance of Ballona Creek Bacteria and Metals Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs).
- The Project has strong community support from various stakeholders.
- The Project will need to establish clear plans for operation and maintenance, permitting and right of way ownerships, detailed cost estimates, and other

technical details during the feasibility study development process, if approved for TRP funding.

Therefore, LASAN recommends that the AOC supports a Letter of Non-Objection to Del Rey Neighborhood's submission of the Project to the Central Santa Monica Bay's Safe, Clean Water Regional Round 7 (FY 26/27) Technical Resources Program. LASAN will continue to coordinate with and provide input to the Project Proponent to ensure that the scope continues to support the goals of the City and SCWP both before application and after potential funding is received. This letter should not be interpreted as a letter of support for any future Infrastructure Program funding requests. It is strongly recommended that any City agency (StreetsLA, LASAN, LADOT, etc) that may be affected by the proposed scope developed in the TRP be included in the development of the feasibility study. The City will carefully consider updated information for any potential future funding requests to the Safe, Clean Water Program for this effort.

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ATTACHMENT 1: Project Summary - Del Rey NC Culver Median Improvement

Recommend Letter of Non-Objection:

The City of Los Angeles, Safe Clean Water Program Working Group recommends to issue a Letter of Non-Objection.

Brief Description

The Del Rey Neighborhood Council (DRNC) in partnership with Ballona Creek Renaissance (BCR) intends to apply for TRP funding for the Culver Median LA project by July 31, 2025. At this time we are simply requesting a Letter of Non-Objection from the City of LA. The project would involve stormwater capture and above ground improvements along the Culver Median in the portion that runs within the City of LA. We do not yet have a detailed project description, maps or plans. The project would be similar to the Culver City Culver Blvd Realignment and Stormwater project that was completed in 2022. This project would create a similar project on the City of Los Angeles side of the Culver Blvd Median but without the street realignment.

Surrounding Site Conditions & Key Factors

- Land Ownership:
 - City-owned: 100%
- Located in a disadvantaged community
- Project site **in** a liquefaction zone
- Project site **not** in a hillside grading area
- O&M - Culver Median currently under MOU between the City and Metro.

Preliminary Hydrology

- Groundwater Basin: Coastal Plain of Los Angeles - Santa Monica Basin: Medium Priority
- 85th Percentile, 24-Hour Storm rainfall depth: 1.1 inches
- Groundwater Depth: 14-35 feet along project area

Cost Breakdown

- No cost estimate is readily available
- For reference, the City of Culver City's Culver Median Project cost was approximately \$14,000,000

Technical Factors that TRP Feasibility Study Should Consider Before Project

Implementation

- Detailed operations, maintenance, and monitoring plans/agreements
- BMP specifications and hydrologic technical breakdown
- Water supply benefits and mechanism
- Drainage area delineations
- Updated total project cost estimate and total funding request
- Permitting and right-of-way designations

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Subject: Round 7 (FY 26/27) Safe, Clean Water Community Proposed Project Proposal Evaluation for a Letter of Non-Objection from the City of Los Angeles - Eucalyptus Grove: Silver Lake Reservoir Stormwater Capture Project (CD 4 and 13) by the Silver Lakes Reservoirs Conservancy

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the recommendation by LA Sanitation and Environment (LASAN) and the Department of Water and Power (DWP) for the Silver Lakes Reservoirs Conservancy to secure DWP approval prior to submission for future funding from the Safe Clean Water Infrastructure Program.

BACKGROUND

The Safe, Clean Water Regional TRP application process recommends community proposed project applicants, such as the Silver Lakes Reservoirs Conservancy to include a Letter of Non-Objection from the municipality in which the project is proposed. A Letter of Non-Objection issued by the City of Los Angeles (City) would summarize the identified need for the project, the project's benefits to the City, and emphasize the future need for detailed operation and maintenance plans.

The Silver Lakes Reservoir Conservancy has requested a Letter from the City for the Eucalyptus Grove: Silver Lake Reservoir Stormwater Capture Project (Project) located in Council District 4, near the district boundary of Council District 13, and at the western boundary of the Silver Lake Reservoir in the Central Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area. The Silver Lakes Conservancy (Project Proponent) is an all-volunteer non-profit organization that fosters and reflects community input to enhance and maintain the ecological, cultural, aesthetic, and recreational benefits of Silver Lake's reservoirs and surrounding open space. The Project Proponent intends to submit this application as part of the Round 7 Safe, Clean Water Regional IP to the Central Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area, due on July 31, 2025.

In order to receive a Letter of Non-Objection from the City for Round 7, and in alignment with the City's *Policies and Procedures for Safe Clean Water Program Community-Proposed Projects*, LASAN distributed a formal Invitation to Collaborate letter on August 24th, 2024, noting that any Project Proponents were requested to submit a collaboration request intake form by October 31st, 2024. LASAN received a project intake form on May 14th, 2025. LASAN staff is reviewing the submitted request along with the associated technical information and will require additional time to complete this assessment. In conducting an initial review neither LASAN nor the DWP Watershed Management Group were aware of the proposed project elements on DWP property and neither were involved in the preparation of the TRP application to the Safe, Clean Water Regional Program.

CONSIDERATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

LASAN leads City efforts to review requests for Letters of Support or Non-Objection for the Safe Clean Water Regional Program. As part of the review process, LASAN coordinates and receives feedback from various stakeholders: including the project proponents, watershed coordinators, other City departments, and the City's Safe, Clean Water Program Working Group, to make final recommendations for the Administrative Oversight Committee (AOC) to consider. In the review of this specific request, and in alignment with the City's *Policies and Procedures for Review of Safe, Clean Water Program Community Proposed Projects*, it was determined that:

- The Project generally aligns with Safe, Clean Water Program guidelines.
- The Project may provide some water quality benefits but is not located in an area that would yield major progress towards TMDL compliance in the Ballona Creek watershed.
- The Project has strong community support from various stakeholders.
- The Project Proponent has not engaged the Department of DWP or LASAN during the preparation of the TRP application and has not secured approval from the DWP.
- Operation and Maintenance responsibilities have not been addressed.

LASAN and DWP recommend that the Project Proponent secure DWP approval prior to submission for future funding from the Safe Clean Water Infrastructure Program.

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Subject: Round 7 (FY 26/27) Safe, Clean Water Community Proposed Project Proposal Evaluation for a Letter of Support from the City of Los Angeles - Fern Dell Restoration and Stormwater Capture Project (CD 4) by Friends of Griffith Park

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the recommendation by LA Sanitation and Environment (LASAN) and the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) for the Friends of Griffith Park to secure RAP approval prior to submission for future funding from the Safe Clean Water Infrastructure Program.

BACKGROUND

The Safe, Clean Water Regional IP application process requires community proposed project applicants, such as Friends of Griffith Park, to include a Letter of Support from the municipality in which the project is proposed. A Letter of Support issued by the City of Los Angeles (City) would summarize the identified need for the project, the project's benefits to the City, and outline concurrence with detailed operation and maintenance plans.

Friends of Griffith Park has requested a Letter of Support from the City for the Fern Dell Restoration and Stormwater Capture Project (Project) located in Council District 4, at the entrance of Griffith Park along Fern Dell Dr. in the Central Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area. Friends of Griffith Park (Project Proponent) was established in 2010 as a non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable group that promotes the stewardship of Griffith Park (Park) to ensure that the Park survives and thrives well beyond the 21st century. Through advocacy, support, education and service, the Project Proponent works to preserve the Park as the City's signature green and open space, a place of free recreation, and linchpin in the survival of Southern California's native ecosystems. The Project Proponent intends to submit this application as part of the Round 7 Safe, Clean

Water Regional IP to the Central Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area, due on July 31, 2025.

The Project Proponent previously received a Letter of Support for their application to Round 3 (FY 22/23) for the Safe, Clean Water Regional Technical Resources Program. This letter was issued before implementation of the City's *Policies and Procedures for Safe Clean Water Program Community-Proposed Project*. The 2021 letter was in regards to that Round's Technical Resources Program application and should have been referred to as a Letter of Non-Objection. Per the City's adopted policy, an updated, and properly titled, Letter of Support will be needed for the infrastructure application in Round 7.

In order to receive a Letter of Support from the City for Round 7, and in alignment with the City's *Policies and Procedures for Safe Clean Water Program Community-Proposed Projects*, LASAN distributed a formal Invitation to Collaborate letter on August 24th, 2024, noting that any Project Proponents were requested to submit a collaboration request intake form by October 31st, 2024. LASAN received a project intake form on May 9th, 2025. In conducting an initial review neither LASAN nor RAP were aware of the intent to submit proposed application for Round 7, nor formally approved of project elements on RAP property, and neither were involved in the development of the feasibility study application to the Safe, Clean Water Regional IP.

CONSIDERATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

LASAN leads City efforts to review requests for Letters of Support or Non-Objection for the Safe Clean Water Regional Program. As part of the review process, LASAN coordinates and receives feedback from various stakeholders: including the project proponents, watershed coordinators, other City departments, and the City's Safe, Clean Water Program Working Group, to make final recommendations for the Administrative Oversight Committee (AOC) to consider. In the review of this specific request, and in alignment with the *City's Policies and Procedures for Review of Safe, Clean Water Program Community Proposed Projects*, it was determined that:

- The Project generally aligns with Safe, Clean Water Program guidelines.
- The Project has strong community support from various stakeholders.
- The Project Proponent has not engaged the RAP or LASAN during the development of the project's TRP feasibility study.
- Operation and Maintenance responsibilities have not been addressed.

LASAN and RAP recommend the Project Proponent secure RAP approval prior to submission for future funding from the Safe Clean Water Infrastructure Program.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the recommendation by LA Sanitation and Environment (LASAN) for the Measure W: Safe, Clean Water Program Administrative Oversight Committee (AOC) to issue a Letter of Support to LA Community College District's submission of the Los Angeles Harbor College Central and West Campus Underground Infiltration and Biofiltration Project to the Safe, Clean Water Regional Infrastructure Program (IP)
2. Authorize LASAN and the City Administrative Officer, with the concurrence of the Chief Legislative Analyst and the Mayor's Office, to draft and issue a Letter of Support for the project.

BACKGROUND

The Safe, Clean Water Regional IP application process requires proposed project applicants, such as LA Community College District (LACCD), to include a Letter of Support from the municipality in which the project is proposed.

LA Community College District is requesting a Letter of Support from the City for the Los Angeles Harbor College Central and West Campus Underground Infiltration and Biofiltration Project (Project) located in the South Santa Monica Bay watershed. This application was previously submitted as part of the Round 3 (FY 22/23) Regional Safe, Clean Water IP to the South Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area, and is now applying for the Round 7 Regional Safe Clean Water IP, due on July 31st, 2025.

The Project proposes to capture and infiltrate the 85th percentile storm event in an underground infiltration system, providing flood mitigation as well as improvement to water quality to downstream receiving waters, including Machado Lake. The underground infiltration system will collect stormwater runoff from approximately 80-acres which includes 32 acres of off-campus runoff. Additionally, the Project reduces impervious areas, reduces heat island effects and constructs biofiltration systems that provide flood mitigation. The funding request to the Safe Clean Water Program has not yet been determined but will be up to half of the total project cost of \$11.6M. The Project Proponent has committed to funding at least 50%, approximately \$6.3M, of the total project cost.

CONSIDERATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

LASAN leads City efforts to review requests for letters of support or non-objection for the Safe Clean Water Regional Program. As part of the review process, LASAN coordinated and received feedback from various stakeholders: including the Project Proponents, watershed coordinators, other City departments, and the City's Safe, Clean Water Program Working Group (Working Group), to make final recommendations for the AOC to consider. In the review of this specific request, and in alignment with the *City's Policies and Procedures for Review of Safe, Clean Water Program Community Proposed Projects*, it was determined that:

- The Project generally aligns with Safe, Clean Water Program guidelines and provides potential benefits of water quality, water supply, and community investment benefits.
- The Project will protect the downstream investments made by the City at Machado Lake by limiting pollutants being discharged upstream.
- The Project manages a significant amount of off-campus runoff, which is an important step towards meeting the City and region's water quality compliance requirements.
- The Project has fully developed plans, and has committed to the long term operation and maintenance of the constructed stormwater elements.

Therefore, LASAN recommends that the AOC supports a Letter of Support to LACCD's submission of the Project to the South Santa Monica Bay's Safe, Clean Water Regional Round 7 (FY 26/27) Infrastructure Program. LASAN will continue to coordinate with and provide input to the Project Proponent to ensure that the scope continues to support the goals of the City and SCWP both before application and after potential funding is received. The City will carefully consider updated information for any potential future funding requests to the Safe, Clean Water Program for this effort.

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Recommend Letter of Support :

Yes, as the project has previous support from City and other agencies, and aligns with Safe Clean Water Program & City goals.

Brief Description

The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) is evaluating implementation of stormwater management projects for its nine campuses including Los Angeles Harbor College (LAHC). The Central and West Campus Underground Infiltration and Biofiltration Project (Project) at the Los Angeles Harbor College (LAHC) campus and will consist of an 85,000 cubic feet underground infiltration system to be located under the outfield of the LAHC baseball field, improvements to the existing drainage system in the western and central portions of campus, and incorporate four biofiltration areas in nearby Parking Lots 6 and 7. The underground infiltration system will be capable of accepting discharge from an approximately 80-acre drainage area including off-campus runoff from a drainage area of 32 acres. The Project will include two hydrodynamic separators to provide pretreatment for the stormwater conveyed to the underground infiltration system. The completed Project will provide stormwater mitigation and compliance under the future Small MS4 Permit for the project drainage area on the LAHC campus. The Project will also assist the City of Los Angeles with compliance under the Los Angeles County MS4 Permit with treatment of 32 acres of offsite runoff from the Harbor Park Golf Course to the west and the Harbor Sports Complex to the north, both owned and operated by the City of Los Angeles.

Surrounding Site Conditions

- Adjacent to heavily contaminated areas identified on CalEnviroScreen associated with oil refinement, chemical manufacturing, and transportation emissions
- Site located in liquefaction zone

Hydrology

- Total Capture Area: 81.3 ac
 - Pervious Area: 33.1 ac
 - Impervious Area: 48.2 ac
- 85th Percentile, 24-Hour Storm rainfall depth: 1.1 inches
- Estimated Runoff from 85th Percentile, 24-Hour Storm: 2.6 ac-ft
 - Capture Volume: 2.06 ac-ft
- Max Inflow Rate (cfs): 4.05 cfs
 - Total Inflow (ac-ft): 3.1 ac-ft

Cost Breakdown

Total Estimated Construction Cost: \$6,305,518 (50% match by LACCD)

Total Maintenance Cost: TBD

Total Monitoring Cost: TBD

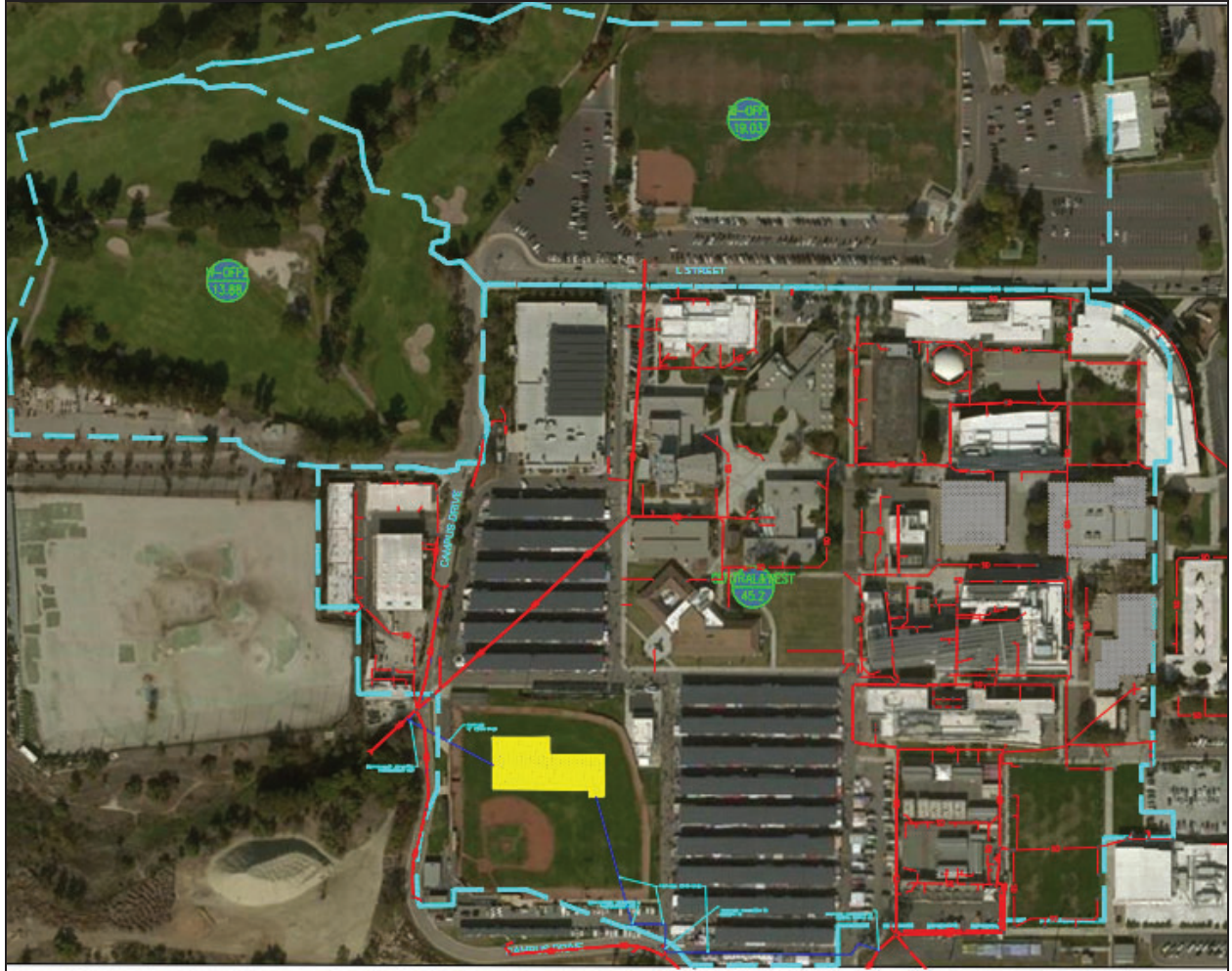


Figure 1: LA Harbor College Drainage Area Map (outlined in Blue)

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Subject: Round 7 (FY 26/27) Safe, Clean Water Community Proposed Project Evaluation for a Letter of Non-Objection from the City of Los Angeles - Reimagining La Brea Tar Pits Project (CD 5) by Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History Foundation

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the recommendation by LA Sanitation and Environment (LASAN) for the Measure W: Safe, Clean Water Program Administrative Oversight Committee (AOC) to issue a Letter of Non-Objection to the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History Foundation's submission of the Reimagining La Brea Tar Pits Project to the Safe, Clean Water Regional Infrastructure Program (IP)
2. Authorize LASAN and the City Administrative Officer, with the concurrence of the Chief Legislative Analyst and the Mayor's Office, to draft and issue a Letter of Non-Objection for the project.

BACKGROUND

The Safe, Clean Water Regional IP application process requires proposed project applicants to include a Letter of Support from the municipality in which the project is proposed.

The Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History Foundation is seeking a letter of support from the City of Los Angeles for the County's Reimagining La Brea Tar Pits Project (Project). This Project Proponent intends to submit this application as part of the Round 7 Regional Safe, Clean Water IP to the Central Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area, due on July 31, 2025. The Project Proponent is seeking to acquire \$9M in Regional IP funds to construct stormwater water quality improvements onsite.

The proposed Project is located in Council District 5 (CD 5) within the northeast Central Santa Monica Bay watershed. The project site, the La Brea Tar Pits, is an active paleontological research site with areas of natural asphalt pits which have seeped up

from the ground over a large period of time. The Project Proponent has provided a cost estimate of \$435M for the overall renovation of the parcel, an estimated project timeline, and has performed preliminary hydrology. The project scope proposes to implement stormwater infrastructure and biofiltration areas across the campus of the institution, providing aspects of urban greening and tar mitigation.

CONSIDERATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

LASAN leads City efforts to review requests for letters of support or non-objection for the Safe Clean Water Regional Program. As part of the review process, LASAN coordinates and receives feedback from various stakeholders: including the project proponents, Safe Clean Water Program Watershed Coordinators, other City departments, and the City's Safe, Clean Water Program Working Group (Working Group), to make final recommendations for the AOC to consider. In the review of this specific request, and in alignment with the *City's Policies and Procedures for Review of Safe Clean Water Program Community Proposed Projects*, it was determined that:

- The Project generally aligns with Safe, Clean Water Program guidelines.
- The Project has strong community support from various stakeholders and has displayed tangible sources of funding.
- The Project has clear plans for operation and maintenance, permitting and right of way ownerships, detailed cost estimates, and other technical details developed. O&M responsibilities of the Project will be the responsibility of the Project Proponent.

Therefore, LASAN recommends that the AOC supports a Letter of Non-Objection to Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History Foundation's submission of the Project to the Central Santa Monica Bay's Safe, Clean Water Regional Round 7 (FY 26/27) Infrastructure Program. LASAN will continue to coordinate with the Project Proponent and recommend that they receive a Letter of Support from the appropriate Los Angeles County agency. The City will carefully consider updated information for any potential future funding requests to the Safe, Clean Water Program for this effort.

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Recommend Letter of Non-Objection:

The City of Los Angeles, Safe Clean Water Program Working Group recommends to issue a Letter of Non-Objection. If required, a Letter of Support should be sought from the appropriate Los Angeles County agency.

Brief Description

The La Brea Tar Pits (Project) is a Los Angeles County multi-purpose public institution — one of the largest paleontological sites in the United States and a registered National Natural Landmark. The Project will create a new Ice Age Wing for education and exhibitions, modernize the Page Museum for research and collections, and improve public grounds and infrastructure. The Project intends to submit a \$9M grant application to the Safe Clean Water Program for stormwater management, green infrastructure including bioswales, urban greening, and tar mitigation. The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County (Project Proponent) is in the process of fundraising for this \$435M project, and has raised \$50M to date from public and private partners. The Project will utilize SCWP funds to implement biofiltration planters at the northwestern, northeastern, and southeastern portions of the site. These BMPs will aid in improving water quality before they enter the stormwater system. Additional tree planting, park, and habitat enhancement are also part of the project scope.

Project Scope (SCWP Focused)

- Water Quality
 - Three biofiltration areas based on the four identified drainage areas:
 - Northwestern portion - Oil Creek is to be refurbished as a bioswale. The existing creek will be lined with an impermeable liner, partially filled with gravel, perforated pipe, soil, and plants. Runoff would be conveyed to the creek via sheet flow and existing or relocated underground pipes. After filtration, stormwater would be collected at the bottom of the system and connected to the existing downstream stormwater system.
 - Northeastern portion - Large planter will be constructed as a biofiltration planter. The planter would be excavated 4-5 feet, lined with an impermeable liner, filled with gravel, a perforated pipe, soil, and plants. After filtration, stormwater would be collected at the bottom of the system and connected to the existing downstream stormwater system.
 - Southeastern portion - East of Lake Pit, an in-ground biofiltration planter will be installed. The construction of this system is similar to the Oil Creek system as described above. The subdrainage area would be connected into public storm drains mains in either Wilshire Boulevard or South Curson Avenue.
- Water Supply Benefit - **None proposed**
- Community Investment
 - Reduction of Heat Island Effect - Addition of ~200 trees
 - Augmenting Recreational Opportunities - Improving green space at the museum, Miracle Mile neighborhood, and reconfiguration of pedestrian path onsite.
 - Enhancement of Park/Habitat Space - The park will establish three distinct landscaping zones in the 13 acre park encircled by a looping pedestrian path.

Each loop would have a theme that represents different geologic epochs—Pleistocene in the southeastern loop, Holocene in the northwestern .

Hydrology

- Total Capture Area: - 3.4 ac-ft
 - Pervious Area: - 1.6 ac-ft
 - Impervious Area: - 1.7 ac-ft
- 85th Percentile, 24-Hour Storm rainfall depth: 1.7 in
- Estimated Runoff from 85th Percentile, 24-Hour Storm: 0.8 ac-ft

Cost Breakdown

Total Estimated Cost: \$435,000,000 (of

Total Maintenance Cost: TBD

Total Monitoring Cost: TBD