

RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to establishing the City's position on any action by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers to redefine "Waters of the United States" which would eliminate Clean Water Act protections.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Resolution (Park – Nazarian), SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

RESOLVE to include in the City's 2025-26 Federal Legislative Program OPPOSITION to any action by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers to redefine "Waters of the United States" which would eliminate Clean Water Act protections for over 80 percent of the nation's wetlands and numerous streams.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA). The City Administrative Officer has not completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes.

For:

Los Feliz Neighborhood Council

Westside Neighborhood Council

Summary:

On March 4, 2026, your Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee considered a March 2, 2026 CLA report and December 5, 2025 Resolution (Park – Nazarian) relative to establishing the City's position on any action by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers to redefine "Waters of the United States" which would eliminate Clean Water Act protections. According to the Resolution, the proposed rule would require wetlands to have continuous surface water connection to relatively permanent waterways during wet seasons, ignoring scientific evidence about subsurface hydrological connections and intermittent water flows that are of critical importance to regional water quality and ecosystem health. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Resolution. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

COUNCILMEMBER	VOTE
HARRIS-DAWSON:	ABSENT
RAMAN:	ABSENT
YAROSLAVSKY:	YES
SOTO-MARTINEZ:	YES
LEE:	YES

RM
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