

April 28, 2004

Honorable Mayor and Members of
the Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular Meeting of
May 11, 2004

APPROVE COUNTY LOW FLOW DIVERSION PROJECT ON HERONDO STORM DRAIN

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Council approve County Project No. 1105 – Low Flow Diversion of the Herondo Street Storm Drain.

Summary:

The Los Angeles County Flood Control District proposes to install a low flow diversion facility on the Herondo Street Storm Drain just west of Valley Drive. This facility will divert dry-weather runoff from the storm drain to a nearby sewer. The County will be abandoning an existing diversion structure near the outlet of the Herondo Street Storm Drain, which has operational difficulties due to being within the tidal zone.

The County has determined that this project is Categorical Exempt from CEQA. They have requested that the City Council do the following:

1. Concur with their environmental finding;
2. Authorize the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to proceed with the construction of the project;
3. Grant permission to occupy and use the public street to construct, operate, and maintain said installation;
4. Issue the required Encroachment Permit on a no-fee basis;
5. Upon the request by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, and where legally possible, the City will grant, transfer, or assign all prior rights over utility companies when necessary to construct and complete this project; and
6. After installation is complete, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District shall not be held responsible for the expense of relocation, alteration, and modification of this project necessitated by future street improvements, realignments, alterations, or reconstruction.

This is standard language for all County storm drain projects. There are no utility interferences anticipated for this project. Staff considers these reasonable conditions because the project provides the local benefit of improved ocean water quality by providing wastewater treatment for low flows. City staff believes this is a good project being done by the County **AT NO COST TO THE CITY** and therefore recommends its approval.

Fiscal Impact:

There are no proposed costs to the City for this improvement. The County is assuming all construction costs as well as costs for wastewater treatment.

Attachment: Letter requesting City Council approval of plans and specifications

Respectfully submitted,

Concur:

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Director of Public Works/City Engineer

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Noted for fiscal impact:

Viki Copeland
Finance Director