

October 5, 2004

Honorable Mayor and Members of
the Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular Meeting of
October 12, 2004

**APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF REDONDO
BEACH AND THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH FOR THE SANTA MONICA BAY
BEACHES BACTERIA TMDL SHORELINE WATER QUALITY MONITORING**

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Redondo Beach and the City of Hermosa Beach for the Santa Monica Bay Beaches Bacteria Total Maximum Daily Load Shoreline Water Quality Monitoring;
2. Approve funding contributions to the City of Redondo Beach for retaining the service of a private laboratory that has the expertise, qualifications and equipment to perform stormwater quality monitoring services in the amount of \$5,072.00; and
3. Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest the agreement subject to approval by the City Attorney.

Summary:

Under the City's Municipal NPDES Storm Water Permit with the Regional Water Quality Control Board we are required to implement a Water Quality Monitoring Program by November 1, 2004. This is necessary to determine compliance with Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL's) established for the discharge of bacteria into the Santa Monica Bay.

Hermosa Beach is within Jurisdictions Five and Six, which includes the Cities of El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance and Caltrans and the County of Los Angeles. Our Jurisdiction made a determination to hire a private lab to conduct the monitoring. The alternative was to allow the City of Los Angeles to perform this testing and reporting. It was determined to be less costly to use the private lab and probably be more responsive to our needs.

Hermosa is responsible for the cost of monitoring only one of the ten storm drain outfalls. This is the storm drain at Pier Avenue. The cost of this monitoring is estimated to be \$5,072 for the first year. This amount anticipates having two samples exceeding the allowed bacteria levels, which requires additional follow-up monitoring.

The City of Redondo Beach has volunteered to administer the activities needed to hire the private lab and oversee the contract. Therefore staff recommends that the City Council approve the agreement with the City of Redondo Beach to conduct these activities on our behalf.

Fiscal Impact:

The City's portion of the estimated cost of monitoring is \$5,072.00. \$9,500.00 is budgeted in account 160-3102-4201 for water quality monitoring.

Attachment: Agreement

Respectfully submitted,

Concur:

Homayoun Behboodi
Associate Engineer

Richard D. Morgan, P.E.
Director of Public Works/City Engineer

Noted for fiscal impact:

Concur:

Viki Copeland
Finance Director

Stephen R. Burrell
City Manager