



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney  
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**REPORT RE:**

**DRAFT ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,  
BUREAU OF SANITATION TO USE THE PROGRESSIVE DESIGN-BUILD PROJECT  
DELIVERY METHOD AND THE COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSAL SELECTION  
PROCESS CONSISTENT WITH CITY CHARTER SECTION 371(b) FOR THE  
CONSTRUCTION OF THE DONALD C. TILLMAN WATER RECLAMATION PLANT  
PRIMARY EQUALIZATION BASIN AND FUTURE GROUNDWATER  
REPLENISHMENT PROJECTS AND RELATED SERVICES**

The Honorable City Council  
of the City of Los Angeles  
Room 395, City Hall  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to your request, this Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration the enclosed draft ordinance, approved as to form and legality. The draft ordinance would authorize the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) to use the progressive design-build project delivery method and the competitive sealed proposal selection process for the construction of the Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant Primary Equalization Basin and future Groundwater Replenishment projects and related services (Projects), consistent with City Charter Section 371(b).

As part of the City's long-term water management objectives of increasing local water supplies, LASAN has been leading the development of an Advanced Water Purification Facility Project (AWPF) and several supporting projects that will supply

purified recycled water to replenish the San Fernando Groundwater Basin via surface spreading, using advanced treatment technologies that include microfiltration, reverse osmosis, and ultraviolet advanced oxidation processes. The AWPf, which is currently in the design phase, will be located at LASAN's Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant, which receives average daily flows of 55 million gallons from approximately 300,000 residents and businesses from the East San Fernando Valley.

The Projects will include construction of a flow equalization basin for the AWPf, because the flows in the City's wastewater conveyance system vary greatly between daytime and nighttime, and the AWPf requires constant and stable flow in order to produce high-quality recycled water suitable for indirect potable reuse.

According to LASAN, the progressive design-build project delivery method and competitive sealed proposal selection process will minimize time and cost and improve the project delivery outcome by directly involving the City in the design process, and should provide the best value to the City and the lowest ultimate cost.

Council Rule 38 Referral

A copy of the draft ordinance was sent, pursuant to Council Rule 38, to the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, with a request that all comments, if any, be presented directly to the City Council when this matter is considered.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Virginia M. Choi at (213) 978-8130. A member of this Office will be available when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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