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Comments E&E Agenda No. 6-CF 13-1526 Proposition O Optimization

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Proper oversight and justification of bond expenditures should be your responsibility. Ongoing operations and maintenance (including monitoring and compliance) is also your responsibility. There is no indication that the bond is fulfilling the language voted by the citizens.

Consequently, these expenditures are not justified.

Optimization is another term for Operations and Maintenance which is not allowed in the bond.

There have been no written reports submitted to the COAC or AOC that show ongoing monitoring and the results that require additional allocation for the work requested.

The following projects scheduled for Optimization (\$800,000) include the following, in their categories:

FUNDING CATEGORY 1- Protect rivers, lakes, beaches and the ocean

- Echo Park Lake Project
- Mar Vista Recreation Center
- Westside Park Rainwater Irrigation
- Grand Blvd. Tree Wells
- Imperial Highway Sunken Median

FUNDING CATEGORY 2-Conserve and protect drinking water and other water sources

- Echo Park Lake Project

FUNDING CATEGORY 3-Reduce flooding and use neighborhood parks to decrease polluted runoff

- South LA Wetlands Park
- Hansen Dam Wetlands Restoration
- Peck Park Canyon Enhancement

FUNDING CATEGORY 4-Capture, clean up and reuse storm water

- Echo Park Lake Project
- Westminster Dog Park
- Oros Green Street

Not allocated to a category designated in the bond are:

- Pond Company Optimization Services
- Laboratory Testing for Optimization Monitoring

There are no facts submitted in this report that can justify any goals achieved in the bond. The report states:

It is important to note that the optimization phase of the above Proposition O projects achieve three major goals:

- (1) Ensures long term sustainability of these fragile natural systems;*
- (2) Enables the City to stay in compliance with its 22 TMDLs water quality regulations; and*
- (3) Educates City staff how best to deal with challenges like green/blue algae and red apple snails that have an impact on these natural systems.*

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