

MOTION

On June 29, 2016, the City Council adopted (C.F. 14-1158-S2) the Los Angeles River Ecosystem Restoration Project (LARER, also known as ARBOR or "Area with Restoration Benefits and Opportunities for Revitalization"), developed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) with the City as the non-federal sponsor, and Council later approved an initial Design Agreement with the USACE on September 29, 2017 (C.F. 14-1158-S2). The LARER plan lays out actions to restore LA River habitat in and along an 11-mile segment of the LA River from approximately Griffith Park to Downtown Los Angeles, while maintaining existing levels of flood risk management.

The City is now working with the USACE Los Angeles District to begin implementing portions of the LARER plan. In March 2020, LARER was accepted into its Public Private Partnerships (P3) Pilot Program using alternative delivery, providing new tools for the City and the USACE to streamline activities and help to expedite the project by reducing costs and risks to both entities.

The alternative delivery Pilot Program enables the City and the USACE to use delivery approaches that are not available under the USACE's traditional process, including the ability for the City to lead the delivery for key portions of the LARER project and the possibility of using innovative risk-shifting models such as Design-Build, Design-Build-Finance, and Design Build Finance and Maintain scenarios. A Value for Money Analysis developed by the USACE found that Alternative Delivery could save the project 20-30% in costs over its lifecycle.

City and USACE staff have worked together since March of 2020 to develop a feasible approach to share delivery of the project, which will be described and memorialized in a Memorandum for the Record (MFR). The MFR's description of roles and responsibilities for the City and the USACE will be the basis for analyzing the funding, financing, and implementation planning that will follow.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering, with the assistance of the City Attorney and any other Departments and Bureaus as needed, be authorized to draft, execute, and administer the Memorandum for the Record with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding the alternative delivery and roles and responsibilities for the Los Angeles River Ecosystem Restoration Project.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering, City Administrative Officer, Chief Legislative Analyst, General Services Department, Department of Water and Power, Bureau of Sanitation and any other Departments and Bureaus as needed, be authorized to develop a funding and financing Plan for the alternative delivery of the LARER project and report back by September 30, 2021.

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