

## MOTION

**I MOVE** that the matter of the **ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE REPORT** relative to the Los Angeles County's Safe, Clean Water (SCW) Program and its potential impacts on the City and its residents (CF# 18-0384; Item No. 61 on today's Council Agenda) **BE AMENDED** to adopt the attached **RESOLUTION** pertaining to Recommendation No. 1 of the Committee Report.

PRESENTED BY:

  
NURY MARTINEZ  
Councilwoman, 6<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY:



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## **RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles (City) with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal government body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the need to meet State regulations and the Federal Clean Water Act in order to improve water quality in the Los Angeles River, Santa Monica Bay, Ballona Creek, and the Dominguez Channel watersheds; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) has promulgated 21 Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) regulating the discharges of trash, bacteria, nutrients, metals, toxic sediment, and other pollutants into the City's receiving waters and watersheds; and

WHEREAS, the TMDLs have interim and final compliance milestones that the City must comply with over the next 25 years; and

WHEREAS, the City has led the development of five Enhanced Water Management Programs (EWMPs) in collaboration with thirty other cities and agencies in local and regional watersheds; and

WHEREAS, the cost of implementing the City's five EWMPs is estimated at \$7.2 billion over the next 25 years, and the City's existing stormwater program revenues are not sufficient to defray this cost; and

WHEREAS, non-compliance with TMDL interim and final milestones will expose the City to third party lawsuits as well as fines and penalties from the State; and

WHEREAS, the City has been on the forefront of stormwater/watershed management programs for years; in 2004 the City voters approved Proposition O which dedicated up to \$500 million to implement stormwater management and water quality improvement projects throughout the City;

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LAFD) is proposing the Safe, Clean Water (SCW) Program with an annual tax of \$0.024 per square feet of impervious area on parcels in Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, under the proposed Program and tax assessment, the average resident would be assessed approximately \$80 per year; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors will hold a hearing on July 10, 2018 to consider placing the Program and parcel tax on the general election ballot to be held on November 6, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the proposed SCW Program is to use the parcel tax to support multi-benefit stormwater projects and programs that improve water quality, increase water supply, and provide community benefits; and

WHEREAS, the proposed SCW Program will generate annual revenue of approximately \$400 million Countywide, of which the City will receive approximately \$90 million per year if the parcel tax is approved by the voters on November 6, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the revenue from the proposed SCW Program will assist the City in meeting water quality compliance regulations through various projects and programs with an emphasis on implementing multi-benefit stormwater infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, these projects will also provide local water supply, flood protection, address localized flooding, supporting access to local jobs and helping meet environmental justice objectives for the City; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles SUPPORTS the Los Angeles Flood Control District's proposed Safe, Clean Water Program, and the related elements and parcel tax, pending before the County Board of Supervisors for placement on the November 6, 2018 general election ballot inasmuch as the measure seeks to support stormwater management, water quality and water supply objectives which improve the quality of life of the City's residents.