

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL May 18, 1998

FROM: Acting City Manager

SUBJECT: Approval of MOU for Reimbursement of
Costs for Site Visits Required under
the NPDES Stormwater Permit

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the Acting City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Pasadena and the County of Los Angeles for reimbursement of costs to conduct educational site visits as required by the NPDES Stormwater Permit.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Pasadena is a Permittee to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Municipal Stormwater Permit ("NPDES Permit") issued by the State of California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region. Under the conditions of this permit, the City is required to perform industrial/commercial educational site visits to apprise business owners and operators of the NPDES Permit and Best Management Practices to enhance the quality of stormwater runoff from these properties.

In August of 1997, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted to make funds available to Permittees to reimburse the actual costs of these site visits, not to exceed established amounts based on the type of business. Reimbursement under this program is limited to a four year period. Based on data provided by the City to the County, the estimated maximum four-year total reimbursement to the City of Pasadena is approximately \$93,000.

In order to obtain reimbursement of site visit costs, it is necessary that the City enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County of Los Angeles. Once the MOU is executed and returned, the City will invoice the County quarterly for reimbursements for completed site visits.

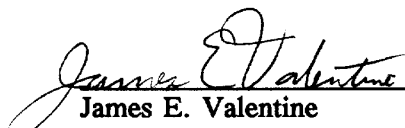
FISCAL IMPACT:

Monies received as a result of this MOU will be recognized and appropriated to Account No. 762310 through the FY 1999 Operating Budget process. Approval of the recommended MOU will provide additional funds for the NPDES program at a time when the City's costs are expected to increase due to additional requirements, such as the educational site visits, that are being phased in over the life of the NPDES Permit.

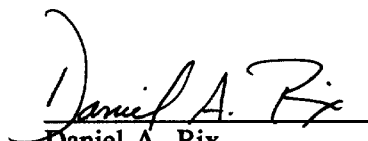
Respectfully submitted,


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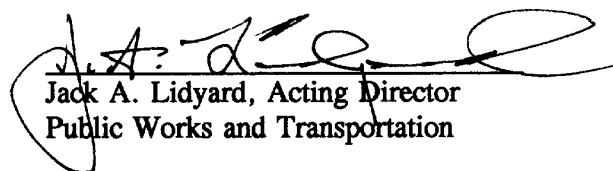
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