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Pollution from urban runoff during dry and wet weather harms public health and the environment. Additionally, the City of Los Angeles faces legal mandates to meet water quality standards and deadlines to reduce pollution from urban runoff under the Clean Water Act (CWA). These CWA mandates are included in the Municipal Stormwater Permit, as well as existing and upcoming Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) regulations.

A Water Quality Compliance Master Plan (Master Plan) is needed to provide strategic direction essential for planning, budgeting, and funding efforts to reduce pollution from urban runoff. This plan should guide the City's efforts to meet its CWA mandates. The need for this plan is urgent, and the City needs to show leadership immediately.

The City has several long-range planning documents that can help in the development of strategies to resolve our urban runoff problems. These include the Integrated Resources Plan, the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, the Draft Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan, and other similar watershed management plans.

The Bureau of Sanitation has been tasked with managing the City's Watershed Protection Program and in that role is responsible for assuring the City is in compliance with all urban runoff regulations and mandates.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Sanitation, working with the Bureau of Engineering, City Administrative Officer and the Chief Legislative Analyst, be directed to create a Water Quality Compliance Master Plan describing the City's strategy to achieve Clean Water Act standards.

I FURTHER MOVE that an initial written report be presented within 30 days on how the City will create the Master Plan and specifically address how the City will incorporate public input with the final Master Plan.

The final Master Plan should incorporate the following principals:

- Identify all pollutants of concern in the City by type and location, including watershed or water body;
- Prioritize polluted areas within the City and create a compliance timetable;
- Identify existing efforts to reduce pollutants of concern and comply with all state and federal regulations;
- Identify strategies -- such as on-site retention/infiltration, structural best management practices, regional multi-use benefit projects (including the identification of potential sites for such projects), and non-structural educational and regulatory measures (including ordinance changes to encourage on-site infiltration)- for the City to meet Clean Water Act standards by pollutant and by water body or watershed;

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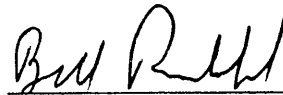
- Provide a technical nexus between the strategies and water quality standards attainment and demonstrate that strategy implementation will result in standards compliance;
- Identify water quality data gaps including those that need to be filled in order to determine if the City is in full compliance with water quality requirements in the Los Angeles County stormwater permit and applicable TMDLs; and
- Identify estimated costs and sources of financial support including, but not limited to, state and local bonds, stormwater pollution abatement funds, County flood control fees, and sewer service charges.

I FURTHER MOVE that the proposed Master Plan should integrate existing efforts already underway such as the Integrated Resources Plan, Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, the Draft Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan, and other relevant watershed management plans.

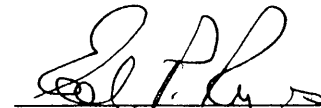
I FURTHER MOVE that the proposed Master Plan be developed in partnership with stakeholders from the public, environment groups, and regulators including the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board and local municipalities, and that public workshops be held to seek and gather optimal input.

I FURTHER MOVE that the proposed Master Plan be finalized within six months of the initial report due within 30 days.

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