

March 21, 2022

Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer, Chair
Proposition O Administrative Oversight Committee

RE: COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, PROPOSITION O CITIZENS OVERSIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

On March 21, 2022, the Chair and members of the Proposition O Citizens Oversight Advisory Committee considered Bureau of Engineering report relative to the Penmar Water Quality Improvements Phase III (Penmar Phase III) Project.

Highlights from the discussion are as follows:

- Should the Penmar Phase III Project be implemented, the Recreation and Parks would not have to upgrade the irrigation system at Penmar Park. Without the Phase III Project, the Recreation and Parks will have to upgrade its irrigation system in order to use the water for irrigation.
- The Bureau of Sanitation noted that the 660 acre-foot of treated irrigation water generated by this project is over 30 years.
- The \$17,000 cost per acre foot of treated irrigation water reflects the cost of operation and maintenance for 30 years. It does not include capital costs. The City would have to charge more than \$17,000/acre foot to recover the project cost.
- The Bureau of Sanitation reports that the City of Santa Monica is expecting to use the treated irrigation water at the Marine Park.
- This project will enable the Recreation and Parks to reduce its demand on potable water.

After consideration, the Chair and three members of the COAC that were present at the meeting voiced their support for this project. As communicated by the Chair of the Proposition O Citizens Oversight Advisory Committee, this matter is hereby transmitted to the Proposition O Administrative Oversight Committee for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

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