

## REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

**DATE: DECEMBER 12, 2007**

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**FROM: GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER**

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**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO MANAGE THE MALIBU CREEK WATERSHED COMPLIANCE MONITORING PROGRAM AND SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR PROFESSIONAL WATER QUALITY MONITORING SERVICES**

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On September 11, 2006, the Regional Water Quality Control Board approved the Malibu Creek Watershed Compliance Monitoring Plan (CMP). The preparation of this plan was a collaborative effort amongst the watershed agencies (Cities of Calabasas, Westlake Village, Hidden Hills, Malibu, and Thousand Oaks; Counties of Los Angeles and Ventura, and Caltrans), and is a requirement of the Malibu Creek and Lagoon Bacteria Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), which became effective January 24, 2006. At the request of the Regional Board staff, monitoring must begin by March 11, 2008.

In light of this, the watershed agencies will solicit proposals for monitoring services in order to meet the Board's deadline. Also, as a result of discussions with the other agencies, it was agreed that the City would take the initial lead on administering the compliance monitoring plan utilizing a combination of City staff and consultants.

Because the compliance monitoring plan is inclusive of many agencies, the cost of administering the plan is also shared amongst its constituents (Cities of Calabasas, Westlake Village, Hidden Hills, Malibu, and Thousand Oaks, County of Los Angeles, and Caltrans). Ventura County will not be contributing to this cost since they will be spending money to comply with the monitoring requirement outlined in their NPDES permit. Furthermore, they have elected to take three of the compliance monitoring sites identified in the CMP, which helps to lower the overall monitoring costs for the watershed agencies. The formula used for determining the appropriate fair-share cost of administration for each agency is based on the percentage of jurisdictional area relative to the entire watershed area within Los Angeles County. This criteria yields a percentage of 14.5% for Agoura Hills.

Also, as part of agreeing to administer the contract on behalf of the watershed, the City will receive a 15% management fee, which will be covered collectively by the other watershed agencies, which helps reduce the net fiscal impact to the City. Per the City Manager's previous recommendation to the City Council, funds are being put aside each year for the purpose of

paying for water quality compliance. These funds will be used to pay for the City's share of expenses resulting from this contract.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council:

1. Authorize staff to take the lead on compliance monitoring efforts for the Malibu Creek Watershed.
2. Authorize staff to solicit proposals for professional water quality monitoring services for the Malibu Creek Watershed Compliance Monitoring Plan.

Attachment: Request For Proposal