

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**  
INTERDEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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To: Proposition O Citizens Oversight Advisory Committee (COAC)  
Proposition O Administrative Oversight Committee (AOC)

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Subject: **TAYLOR YARD G2 WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT  
BUDGET INCREASE**

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Authorize an increase in the Taylor Yard Water Quality total project budget by \$4,000,000 from \$16,400,000 to \$20,400,000 from available funds in the Proposition O Program.
2. Authorize the City Administrative Officer, in coordination with the Bureau of Engineering, to make technical corrections, as needed, to the recommendations in this correspondence.

**BACKGROUND**

The project budget is recommended to be increased by \$4,000,000 from \$16,400,000 to \$20,400,000.

On February 16, 2021, City Council approved Proposition O funding in the amount of \$16.4M for the Taylor Yard G2 Water Quality Improvements project per the cost estimate provided in the Taylor Yard G2 Water Quality Improvements Project Concept Report. The Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority (MRCA) is contributing to this project by reimbursing Proposition O up to \$4M in Proposition 1 Grant funding awarded by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. The terms of the MRCA's grant agreement requires the project to include the implementation of additional public access and habitat restoration improvements at the G2 parcel; however, the cost estimate in the Project Concept Report did not include the additional public access and habitat restoration components. The Project Concept Report assumed that restoration of the site would occur as part of the Taylor Yard G2 River Park project; however, implementation of that project will now not likely occur before 2028.

An updated BOE analysis of the project budget indicates that the project requires additional funds. The updated project cost estimate of \$17.8M for the Water Quality project is \$1.4M over budget. The estimate for required additional public access and habitat restoration improvements adds another \$2.6M, increasing the total project cost to \$20.4M, which is \$4.0M over the approved budget. Therefore, BOE is recommending

an additional \$4M in Proposition O funding to implement the full scope of the required project.

Funding for this budget increase is anticipated to be available using project savings from the Argo Drain Sub-basin Facility, Machado Lake Ecosystem Rehabilitation, and Catch Basins Phase IV projects.

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