

AB 1234 Report

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Moving Forward on Funding Stormwater Water Capture and Treatment

The LA County Board of Supervisors is considering putting a property tax before voters this November to raise revenue for stormwater capture and cleanup. This proposal will be considered by the Supervisors on their June 26th meeting. The comment period has closed, but there is still time to comment at this Board meeting. Other governmental entities have already moved to fund stormwater projects including the City of Santa Monica with Measure V (the Clean Beaches and Ocean Parcel Tax adopted in 2006), and Culver City with Measure CW (the Clean Water, Clean Beach Parcel Tax passed by voters in 2016). Santa Clarita has also funded some street clean up projects with a property tax. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works provided background information about the potential November ballot language and future projects, while the City of Santa Monica will review the successes and challenges with the implementation of Measure V. There was considerable discussion from the audience about the additional benefits such as added water supply, green space and recreational areas and possible health benefits.

The LA County measure, a proposed parcel tax of 2.5 cents per square foot of area deemed impermeable to water such as roofs, driveways, garages and parking lots could generate approximately \$300 million annually. A computer system is used to determine how much impermeable surface is on each property. There is an appeal process for unique circumstances. The money would be used to improve water quality, help L.A. County comply with federal clean water regulations and make the region more "water resilient" in the face of a changing climate and unpredictable water supply.

Speakers:

Neal Shapiro, Watershed Section Supervisor and Watershed (Urban Runoff) Management Coordinator, City of Santa Monica's Office of Sustainability & the Environment

Daniel Bradbury, Associate Civil Engineer Los Angeles County Department of Public Works.