New eComment for City Council Meeting (Closed Session - 6:00 PM and Regular Meeting - 7:00 PM)

Debbie Sanowski submitted a new eComment.

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Item: 6a) REPORT 18-0423 AWARD CONTRACT TO MCGOWAN CONSULTANTS FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (Environmental Analyst Kristy Morris)

eComment: I strongly oppose locating the Water Infiltration project on the Greenbelt. First, it is a complete waste of $7 million dollars to not recycle this water rather than infiltration given our pending water shortage and City oppostition to desalination. Water at this location will degrade the Greenbelt, will damage the surrounding homes and simply will not work as advertised due to the very high water table on the Greenbelt. To work well, infiltration needs a lot of dirt and sand between the structure bottom (which dumps the millions of gallons of water) and the existing high water table in order to absorb all that water. Without enough dirt area, the soil will become saturated, become a nuisance and damage adjacent homes and buildings. At the City Council Study Session, Tetra Tech admitted that there is a water table problem on the Greenbelt which may force them to get permission, a sort of variance, to get around the required Minimum standards. They are trying to MacGyver this monster into a shoe box space, not just side to side with homes but now also from below the structure down to the water table. When, talking about the high ground water problem at the City Council meeting, the Tetra Tech employee said the following (approximately 1:17:00 mark in the video): “We are looking at 6.9 acre-feet of storage, and this is with decreasing the 10’ separation to the groundwater, for which we would have to get approval from the Water Quality Regional Board. So that’s an optimistic number. And we are still shy of the original goal of 7.5 acre-feet.” Groundwater limitations are a big deal. They cannot successfully design this project under the existing minimum requirements! This is why infiltration projects of this size and magnitude are never built at the beach or in high water table areas. Please relocate this project onto a Redondo Beach unimproved parcel. Better yet, recycle this water rather than flushing it away.

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