

City of Hermosa Beach

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April 11, 2019

Mayor Bill Brand City of Redondo Beach 415 Diamond Street Redondo Beach, CA 90277 Via Email: <u>Bill.Brand@redondo.org</u>

RE: Herondo Storm Drain Infiltration Project

Dear Mayor Brand:

This letter follows my March 29, 2019 letter to you regarding the City of Hermosa Beach's request to amend the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Greenbelt Infiltration Project (GIP) that is part of our Enhanced Watershed Management Plan (EWMP). After my letter was sent, our respective Public Works staff met and your staff requested that Hermosa Beach pay to study whether the GIP can be relocated to North Francisca Avenue in Redondo Beach.

On April 9, 2019, the Hermosa Beach City Council approved the request, at a cost of up to \$157,719, as part of an amended MOU that transfers lead agency status for the GIP to the City of Redondo Beach. A further revised MOU reflecting that approval is attached to this letter.

Hermosa Beach is committed to working through the amended MOU to meet our shared obligations under the MS4 Permit. Amending the MOU and moving forward on North Francisca Avenue provides a path to compliance with the MS4 Permit and retention of grant funding. I have had productive conversations with Leslie Laudon, Deputy Director of the State Water Resources Control Board's Division of Financial Assistance, about transferring the grant funding for the GIP to the City of Redondo Beach under the terms of the amended MOU.

I respectfully request that you place the amended MOU on your City Council agenda at your earliest availability. Our City Council has appointed a subcommittee of myself and Councilmember Justin Massey regarding the amended MOU. We are happy to meet with you, your staff, and your City Council, and to personally attend the meeting at which your City Council considers the amended MOU, to answer any questions you may have about the amended MOU.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request. Please feel free to contact me or Councilmember Massey if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Stacey Armato Mayor, City of Hermosa Beach

Attachment: Exhibit A – Infiltration MOU Amendment (Redline 04-11-19)

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