

# Notice to Property Owners of Public Hearing on Proposed Clean Water, Clean Beaches Measure

## Proposed Fee

A clean water fee is proposed that would generate over \$200 million annually in dedicated funding for reducing pollution from stormwater and urban runoff in Los Angeles County waterways.

The proposed fee would be paid by property owners within the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, which includes most of the County, excluding portions of the Antelope Valley. All properties generate runoff, and the more impervious surfaces that a parcel has (such as buildings and pavement), the more runoff it generates. The fee is determined by the average amount of runoff that properties generate, based on parcel size (but not property value) and land use classification, such as whether the property is residential, commercial, industrial or undeveloped, because this is an indication of the percentage of the parcel that has impermeable surfaces.

**The fee for your property is shown on the front page of this brochure.** An Engineer's Report explaining the fee calculations for all properties can be found at: [www.LACountyCleanWater.org](http://www.LACountyCleanWater.org).

As required by law, 40 percent of the fee revenues collected will be allocated to the city in which the properties are located, or to the County of Los Angeles for the unincorporated areas, for water quality improvement programs as determined by each city or the County. Another 50 percent of the fee revenues collected will be allocated to the watershed authority group established for the watershed in which the properties are located for water quality improvement programs in the watershed. The remaining 10 percent of the fee revenues must be used by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District for water quality monitoring, research, technical assistance and administration.

The fee will be collected every year with the property taxes and will continue annually until terminated by the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors. By law, fees cannot not be raised without another public hearing and election.

## Program Accountability

These funds could not be diverted or used for any other purpose. All expenditures would be subject to independent annual audits, and all project information would be available for public review. In addition, an independent Oversight Board will ensure that the funds are only used for projects that meet established criteria.

## Public Hearing

The California Constitution requires that the proposed fee go through a two-step approval process, which includes both a public hearing and an election. As the governing body of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles will hold a public hearing on:

**January 15, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.  
Board of Supervisors Hearing Room  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012**

Auxiliary aids and services for people with disabilities are available with three business days notice by calling: 800-218-0018 or TDD, 626-282-7829.

At the public hearing, the Board of Supervisors will receive oral and written testimony about the proposed clean water fee. Any property owner may testify or file a written protest with the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors at any time before the end of the public hearing. A written protest must identify the parcel address and assessor's parcel number, and must be signed by the property owner or an authorized representative. You may use the protest form included below or write a letter.

**Mail to:**  
**Executive Officer**  
**Board of Supervisors**  
**P.O. Box 866006**  
**Los Angeles, CA 90086**

**Or hand deliver to:**  
**Executive Officer**  
**Board of Supervisors**  
**Kenneth Hahn Hall of**  
**Administration, Room 383**  
**500 West Temple Street**  
**Los Angeles, CA 90012**

The Board of Supervisors may continue the hearing to a future date. If the Board of Supervisors has not received written protests against the proposed fee by a majority of property owners before the end of the public hearing, the Board of Supervisors may authorize an election to approve the fee.

For more information, please:

- Visit [www.LACountyCleanWater.org](http://www.LACountyCleanWater.org)
- Or call 800-218-0018 (8am-5pm, M-Th)
- Or email [water.info@dpw.lacounty.gov](mailto:water.info@dpw.lacounty.gov)

Para el Aviso o información en Español, por favor  
• visite [www.LACountyCleanWater.org](http://www.LACountyCleanWater.org)  
• o llame 1-626-458-6981

## Protest Form

Property owners or an authorized representative may complete this form or write a letter, and mail to the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors, P.O. Box 866006, Los Angeles, CA 90086 or hand deliver at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Room 383, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA. To be counted as a protest, this form or your letter must include the Assessor's Parcel Number and parcel address, be signed by the property owner or an authorized representative and be delivered no later than the end of the public hearing. Only one protest per property will be accepted and counted. (The barcode contains a parcel identifier.)

I protest the proposed clean water fee.

Print name \_\_\_\_\_

Sign name \_\_\_\_\_