

# CITY OF TORRANCE INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

**DATE: December 20, 2011**

**TO:** Mayor and Members of City Council  
**FROM:** Mary K. Giordano, Assistant City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Additional Information regarding the Council Meeting of  
December 20, 2011

Attached are responses to questions that have arisen regarding Council Agenda Item 8F on this evening's agenda.

  
Mary K. Giordano

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cc: City Clerk

**December 20, 2011 - COUNCIL ITEM 8F – Public Work Department**

APPROVE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE FOR THE WALTERIA RESERVOIR SLOPE STABILITY PROJECT, C.I.P. NO. I-95

**Q. If we are cancelling the contract with MG Construction, what is the status of the slope stabilization? With this action, will nothing be done on this issue? If this is the case, why did the staff previously advocate a consultant but now determines one is not necessary? (Council Member Numark)**

*A. Public Works has been maintaining the slope of the Walteria Reservoir since the facility was constructed. Several years ago there was some surface sloughing of the soil covering the rock base that fell into the adjacent parking lot during heavy rain events. Public Works has looked into several methods to control this sloughing and was recommending a soil nail wall covering on the slope to prevent erosion. However, potential construction impacts to the adjacent property and problems with the low bid contractor have caused staff to reconsider the need for a more permanent physical solution.*

*Staff is currently maintaining the slope by keeping it planted with vegetation, controlled by a yearly goat trimming, and proper irrigation. This method has been used effectively for the past few years and we have seen minimal sloughing on the slope. Staff will also be installing a fence at the property line that can catch loose debris that may slide on a seasonal basis. The area between the property line and the retaining wall adjacent to the parking lot will need to be maintained by the business.*

*Staff will continue to monitor the slope and may recommend additional measures in the future if the need arises. At this time we are recommending closing out the contract with MG Construction and following current maintenance practices.  
(Rob Beste, Public Works Director)*