

Council Meeting of
July 15, 2008

SUPPLEMENTAL

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: City Manager - Supplemental Information to Item 8I

Attached is additional information received pertaining to Item 8I.

Respectfully submitted,

LeROY J. JACKSON
CITY MANAGER

By 
Aram Chapalyan
Assistant to the City Manager

CONCUR:


LeRoy Jackson
City Manager

Attachment: 7/14/08 Letter from Torrance Fiscal & Engineers Associations

TORRANCE FISCAL & ENGINEERS' ASSOCIATIONS

"Maintaining the City's Technical and Financial Trust"
3031 Torrance Blvd., Torrance CA 90503

Curt Ditman, President
Danny Santana, 1st VP.
Lea Reis, 2nd VP
Ruby Villanueva, Secretary
Jill Weldin, Treas.

July 14, 2008

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
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Subject: City Council Agenda Item 8I (NPDES Inspector Contract)

Honorable Mayor and Council,

On behalf of the members of the Torrance Fiscal and Engineers Associations, the Board would like to address a few items regarding Agenda Item 8I and respectfully request that it be removed from the consent calendar.

In late 2007, the City and the Engineers/Fiscal Associations were able to put to bed a decade long heartache between Management and our Associations. This matter involved what were originally presented to be contract employees for a limited timeframe for specific projects and eventually evolved into permanent employees. The Engineers Association respectfully requests clarification from the Community Development Department as to their intent for this contract NPDES inspector. Our Associations understand that the City is under legal requirements to ensure that construction and operational pollutants are prevented from entering our storm drains and reaching the sea. Many of our Engineers' Association members, such as City Planners, Civil/Grading Engineers, Plan Checkers, Inspectors and Environmental Quality Officers are partners in this task not only as representatives of the City but as members of the community.

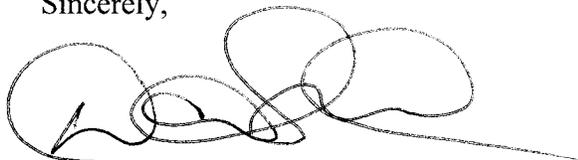
Unlike the Project Manager situation, this proposed contract is not intended for an item with a limited timeframe or completion with a specific project. This responsibility for NPDES inspection is, for the foreseeable future, a permanent requirement of the City and one that is likely to grow in scope and responsibility. The Associations would appreciate clarification that this agenda item is evidence of the urgency of compliance with NPDES requirements and that within one year, the Department fully intends to permanently fill this position under the Civil Service process. It is the opinion of our Associations that permanent employees that have undergone the complete Civil Service examination and evaluation process, ensure that the residents of Torrance are getting the best qualified applicants, employees most likely to promote

institutional knowledge and representatives of the City that will establish a positive and working relationship with residents and with the Regional Water Quality Board.

The TFEA/EA board and members remain committed to serving the community and hope that the City Council and the Community Development Department agree that although this is a temporary solution to a pressing matter, a permanent qualified employee is the objective of all responsible parties.

Should you have any further questions, please contact feel free to contact either myself or any other Board member.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Danny Santana', with several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Danny Santana, MPA
Vice-President

Cc Jeffery W. Gibson, Community Development Director