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Agreement with D-Max Engineering for Storm Water Inspections

The City Council docket for Tuesday April 1, 2008 includes Item 101 regarding an agreement with D-Max Engineering for storm water inspections. This Item was heard at the Natural Resources and Culture Committee on February 27, 2008, and referred to the Independent Budget Analyst for additional analysis.

The revised Municipal Storm Water Permit, approved by the Regional Water Quality Control Board in 2007, requires increased inspections of industrial and commercial facilities and structural treatment control BMPs. Under the revised Permit, the City is now responsible for the inspection of approximately 5,000 industrial and commercial facilities and 500 structural treatment control BMPs. Under the previous Permit, the City was only responsible for the inspection of approximately 300 facilities.

Consultant duties would include making site visits to businesses and performing inspections based on a checklist approved by the Storm Water Division. Upon completion, the consultant will forward the inspection results to Storm Water staff, noting any deficiencies found during the inspection process. City staff will conduct as-needed follow-up inspections and will be responsible for any necessary enforcement measures.

Currently, the Metropolitan Wastewater Department (MWWD) inspects approximately 2500 facilities that also require inspection under the Storm Water Permit. To avoid duplication and achieve cost savings, the Storm Water Division has a Service Level Agreement with MWWD to provide storm water inspections to these facilities concurrent with MWWD's own inspections. Under the proposed contract, D-Max Engineering will perform the balance of required inspections to fulfill the requirements of the new permit

for a cost of \$1,569,700. The IBA supports this item, as it will allow the City to fulfill inspection requirements under the revised Storm Water Permit.

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