

# Los Angeles County Clean Water, Clean Beaches Measure

(Public Hearing continued to March 12, 2013)



February 7, 2013

# Notice to Property Owners of Public Hearing

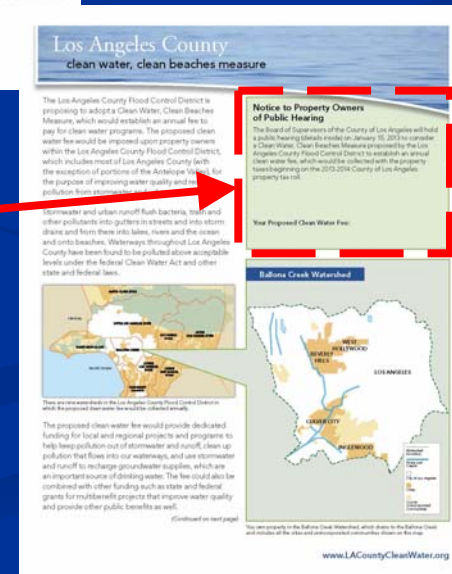
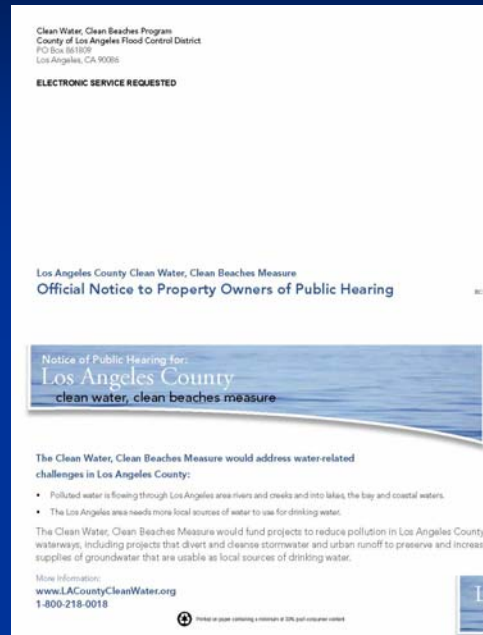
**Clean Water Fee:** Annual parcel fee (on the property tax bill) proposed by Los Angeles County to provide dedicated funding for local and regional projects and programs to help keep pollution out of storm water that flows to our waterways and beaches.

The property Assessor Parcel Number, address, and the proposed annual fee for the property are shown here on the notice mailed by Los Angeles County

More Information: [www.LACountyCleanWater.org](http://www.LACountyCleanWater.org)  
(800) 218-0018

Para el Aviso o información en Español, por favor

- visite [www.LACountyCleanWater.org](http://www.LACountyCleanWater.org)
- o llame 1-626-458-6981



# Proposed Parcel Fee

- Annual fee based on “fair cost of service”
  - Fee amount = (Parcel Size) x ( % Impervious) x (Fee Rate)  
SF x % x \$0.026185
  - Fee Rate = Total Estimated Program Cost ÷ Total Impervious Area  
= \$296,730,000 ÷ 11,332,072,380 SF = \$0.026185 / SF
- Annual Revenue Summary
  - County-wide: \$200M - \$300M
  - Huntington Park
    - 7,611 parcels = 42,112,270 SF Imp Area
    - Total revenue: \$1.1M total with \$439,000 local return to HP (40%)
    - Proposed Fee for City properties: 95 properties with annual fee of \$50K
    - Net revenue to City: \$389,000 per year
- Average Parcel Fee
  - Residential Properties: \$60 per year or less
  - Commercial Properties: \$500 per year or less
  - Larger properties may have significantly higher fees based on area

# Schedule

- Nov 2012: Notices mailed by County
- Public Hearing Continued to March 12, 2013
  - Time: 9:30 am
  - Location: 500 W. Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012
  - If Protest Forms are not received from a majority of the properties, the County Board of Supervisors will consider proceeding with a Prop 218 Vote to implement the parcel fee
- If the Prop 218 Vote passes, the fee will appear on 2014-2015 Property Tax Bills

If a property owner wishes to submit a protest, complete the Protest Form and submit by mail or hand deliver to the Public Hearing

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

If you submitted a Protest Form prior to the initial Public Hearing, you DO NOT need to submit a new form!

**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 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@pw.lacounty.gov](mailto:water.info@pw.lacounty.gov)

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

Protest Forms due before the end of the Public Hearing

# If You Lost Your Notice and Need to Request a Copy or a Protest Form

- To request a copy of your notice and a Protest Form:
  - Call (800) 218-0018, M-Th, 8am-5pm [en Espanol (626) 458-6981]
  - Email a request to [water.info@dpw.lacounty.gov](mailto:water.info@dpw.lacounty.gov)
  - Please include the parcel address and your full name as it appears on the parcel deed
- Instruction for submitting a Protest Form (including by email):
  - Visit website: <http://www.lacountycleanwater.org/documents/view/746>
  - Download PDF file of Protest Form and Instructions
  - Follow directions for completing and submitting the Protest Form by email, US Mail, or hand delivery.

**Protest Forms due before the end of the Public Hearing on March 12, 2013 (Starts at 9:30 am)**