



CITY OF LOS ANGELES
GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

Thursday September 5, 2013, Time: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

**Granada Hills Charter H.S. Rawley Hall 10535 Zelzah, Granada Hills. CA
91344**

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All agenda items are subject to discussion and possible board action.

I. Call to order and the pledge of allegiance (Dave Beauvais)

II. Roll Call (Anthony Matthews)

III. Approval of Minutes from the August 1, 2013 regular meeting (Julie Carson)

IV. Public Comment: Community and Public Comment on non-agenda items

V. Community Speakers:

- (1) Council District 12 – Megan Cottier
- (2) Senior Lead Officer- Dario Del Core

VI. Officer's Reports

VII. Board Issues & Updates:

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Recognition of Outgoing Secretary and Board Member Julie Carson.

Board confirmation of Anthony Matthews as Secretary.

Board confirmation of Sally Kolstad as a member of the Budget Committee.

Board confirmation of Eric Mansker as Vice Chairman of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee.

Review and approval of U.S. Bank purchasing card transactions, bank statement, July and August budget report including potential reallocations and unencumberances to existing budget (Brandon Schindelheim).

Discussion and possible Board action to support the October 5, 2013 Disaster Preparedness Event NTE \$600.

Discussion and possible Board action to purchase additional Neighborhood Watch signs, not to exceed \$300.

Discussion and possible Board action to create and install signage at entrances to Granada Hills.

Discussion and possible Board action to have an outreach table on Food Truck nights.

Appointment and Board Confirmation of Election Chair and Election Outreach Chair.

Outreach (Jett Dunlap)

Discussion and possible Board action for a Movie Night in the Park, NTE \$800.

Planning and Land Use (Jerry Askew)

Discussion and Possible Board action on Conditional Use, new Starbucks at NW corner of Zelzah/Chatsworth- Committee recommendation to support change in hours to 5:00 a.m. to 12: p.m. with conditions:

1. Installation of right hand turn only signs at driveways on Chatsworth;
2. Security guard on duty to cover additional hours of operation and;
3. Adherence to Q conditions or Commercial Corner Development Code (whichever is more restrictive) pertaining to delivery hours.

Reports; Mural Ordinance; Community Plan status.

Public Safety(Ross Turmell)

Final report on CERT classes.

IX. Board Member comments, announcements and agenda items for next general meeting and committee meetings.

X. Adjournment.

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Los Angeles City Council
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RE: Bay Delta Conservation Plan / Water Tunnels

Dear Councilmembers:

The undersigned organizations oppose the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan to build twin tunnels or any such conveyance facility to divert the Sacramento River. The proposed project, estimated to cost between \$20 and \$50 billion, is unnecessary and would benefit corporate agriculture at the expense Los Angeles ratepayers and taxpayers. As such, we urge you to pass legislation prohibiting the use of Los Angeles ratepayer funds to finance the construction of this project and instead invest in local water infrastructure projects that would improve the reliability of our water supply, reduce our dependence on imported water and create local jobs.

Los Angeles does not need to import more water. In fact, LADWP's 2010 Urban Water Management Water Plan calls for purchasing *less* imported water as it is becoming more expensive, and prioritizes increasing local water sources such as storm water and cleaning and replenishing groundwater aquifers. Moreover, LADWP estimates that each year there are over 1,400 water main breaks in its 7,200-mile network that need to be repaired and/or replaced. Increasing our local supply and fixing local infrastructure are cost-effective measures that create local jobs. As these necessary investments will cost billions of dollars, ratepayer money should not be wasted on an unnecessary and harmful tunnel, especially in a bad economy.

The tunnels would be a major gift from ratepayers to a few corporate agriculture interests in the Central Valley. The chief beneficiaries, the Kern County Water Agency and the Westlands Water District, already receive massive amounts of water subsidized by ratepayers and taxpayers. Some of these agribusinesses, in addition to exporting lucrative crops overseas, sell taxpayer-subsidized water for private profit. Los Angeles ratepayers should not be forced to pay ever-increasing water bills to subsidize the profits of a few powerful corporate interests.

Contrary to proponents' claims, new tunnels located 350 miles north of Los Angeles would not safeguard our water supply from a major earthquake. As the United States Geological Survey estimates that a major earthquake is more likely to occur in southern California than in northern California, LADWP must prioritize and accelerate the repairing of its aging and breaking local water delivery system. Given that an earthquake could also compromise pipelines that deliver imported water, diversifying our water sources by increasing our groundwater supply and capturing rainwater will protect the public's access to water in an earthquake.

Legislative action by the City Council is needed to ensure ratepayers are not harmed. Because the Metropolitan Water District, a partial source of LADWP's water supply, would be a financial sponsor of the tunnel in its effort to control more water, ratepayers in Los Angeles could be made to pay over \$2 billion over the next thirty years.

For all of the reasons outlined above, we strongly urge the Council to pass legislation prohibiting the use of any ratepayer funds towards financing or otherwise financially facilitating the construction of any new tunnels or water conveyance system to divert the Sacramento River. As LADWP's water plan already states, Los Angeles needs to repair and augment its local water supply. Such allocation of ratepayer funds would improve water reliability, reduce our need for imported water and improve our local economy. And we should not waste money on a project that was defeated by California voters in 1982. We thank you for your attention and future action towards protecting ratepayers and our water supply.

Sincerely,

As such, we urge you to pass legislation to prohibit the use of ratepayer money to finance this project and to support investment in local water projects that would improve the reliability of our water supply.