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NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING - FORMATION OF GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (GSA) FOR THE SANTA MONICA BASIN

DATE OF MEETING: TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017
TIME OF MEETING: 5:30 P.M.
PLACE OF MEETING: COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL ROOM 213
1685 MAIN STREET
SANTA MONICA, CA 90401

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the City of Santa Monica will conduct a public hearing, as part of a regularly scheduled Council meeting, to consider authorizing the City to participate in the formation of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) governed by a Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, City of Beverly Hills, Culver City, and Los Angeles County over the Santa Monica Basin, in accordance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA") (California Water Code sections 10720 et seq.).

In September 2014, the California legislature enacted SGMA to require sustainable groundwater management statewide. Implementation of SGMA is achieved through the formation of GSAs and the preparation and implementation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs).

As the primary municipal producer of groundwater from the Santa Monica Basin, the City of Santa Monica would serve as the coordinating agency for the GSA. Santa Monica currently sources approximately 75% of its potable water provided to over 18,000 residential, commercial and institutional water accounts from the Santa Monica Basin, which extends into Beverly Hills, Culver City and Los Angeles. The Santa Monica Basin is designated as a "medium priority" basin by the California Department of Water Resources and is subject to SGMA requirements.

Once the GSA is formed, the City and other entities listed above would jointly develop and implement a GSP that provides a roadmap for managing Santa Monica Basin groundwater on a sustainable basis. Becoming a GSA will allow the participating local agencies to manage the groundwater resources in the Santa Monica Basin more effectively, and preserve access to grant funding or other opportunities that may be available only to GSAs.

The City of Santa Monica is seeking community comments on the proposed Santa Monica Basin GSA Memorandum of Understanding. Copies are available to the public for a community review period ending May 9, 2017 at City Hall, Santa Monica public libraries and on the web at <http://www.smgov.net/departments/publicworks/water.aspx>.

For additional information or to submit comments, please contact Santa Monica Water Resources Manager Gil Borboa by May 9, 2017 at (310) 458-8230 or via e-mail at: gil.borboa@smgov.net. Correspondence may be addressed to the Water Resources Division at 1212 5th Street, 3rd Floor, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Comments may also be provided in person to the City Council on May 9, 2017.

City Hall Council Chambers are wheelchair accessible. If you have any special disability-related needs/accommodations, including alternative formats of the proposed GSA Memorandum of Understanding, please contact the Water Resources Division.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Suspected Los Angeles shooter arrested

A man suspected of shooting at a passing motorist in downtown Los Angeles was taken into custody on Monday after initially refusing to come out of an apartment building for hours.

Police converged on a downtown Los Angeles apartment building Monday afternoon as they searched for a man who they believe shot at a passing motorist before running inside the building.

Los Angeles police Detective Meghan Aguilar said the man was taken into custody about four hours after police responded to a call reporting gunshots at 8th Street and Santee Street.

Los Angeles police officers were first called to the city's fashion district after receiving a 911 call reporting gunshots in the area shortly before noon.

When officers arrived, they were told that a man had shot at a passing vehicle, police spokesman Josh Rubenstein said.

Officers were unable to locate the car and did not find any victims.

The officers were able to obtain a photograph of the suspect and tracked him to a nearby apartment building, Rubenstein said.

He refused to come out at first, but hours later told police he wanted to surrender.

Aguilar said police recovered a gun on the roof of an adjacent apartment building.

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Sacramento

California road repair deal will raise gas tax, vehicle fees

Fuel taxes and vehicle fees are set to increase for California residents after state lawmakers passed a major transportation funding deal championed by the governor. The legislation, known as SB1, aims to raise \$52.4 billion over 10 years to fix a massive backlog in road and bridge repairs. Only one Republican in the Legislature voted for the measure, with opponents saying the state already collects plenty of money but has diverted it to other uses.

Here's where the money would come from:

- \$24.4 billion by raising gasoline excise taxes. In November, the tax will increase 12 cents per gallon, or 43 percent above the current rate of 27.8 cents, and it will continue to rise over the next few years. The total California gas tax is projected to be approximately 46.7 cents in July 2018 and 47.3 cents in July 2019. Starting in 2020, the tax will change with inflation.

- \$7.3 billion by raising the current 16-cent-a-gallon diesel excise tax by 20 cents - a 125 percent increase.

- \$3.5 billion by increasing the state diesel sales tax from 9 percent to 13 percent.

- \$16.3 billion from an annual transportation improvement fee based on a vehicle's value, similar to what owners already pay annually to the state Department of Motor Vehicles. The fees range from \$25 for vehicles valued at less than \$5,000 to \$175 for vehicles topping \$60,000. The administration says nearly nine-in-10 vehicles would be assessed a fee of \$50 or less.

- \$200 million from a new \$100 annual fee, starting in 2020, on zero-emission vehicles.

- \$706 million in repayments of transportation funds that had previously been loaned to the state's General Fund.

The money would be split between state and local governments. Here's where it would go:

- The local share includes \$15 billion to fix potholes, \$7.5 billion for public transportation and \$1 billion for walking and biking trails.

- The state share includes \$15 billion for highway repairs, \$4 billion for bridge and culvert repairs, \$2.5 billion to reduce traffic on major commuter routes.

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could have faced a statutory maximum sentence of six years in federal prison.

"Federal regulations governing the operation of aircraft and other common carriers are designed to protect the traveling public," United States Attorney Eileen M. Decker said. "The investigation into Mr. Leto shows that he flagrantly violated these rules - and continued to do so after the FAA took action to take him out of the air. A swift and thorough investigation by the Department of Transportation has now improved the safety of all air travelers."

The Department of Transportation Office of Inspector General investigated the case with assistance from the FAA. A Line

Service Technician at the Van Nuys airport told the FAA inspector he saw Leto take off with seven or eight passengers without a second pilot April 8 last year, according to court documents. The FAA requires a pilot and co-pilot as minimum crew for the Cessna Model involved in the incident.

In court documents, Leto's attorney argued for leniency, saying Leto cooperated with the FAA and provided information about his own conduct as well as several other people possibly engaged in criminal activity. According to the documents, Leto attempted to organize a sting that "got out of hand" when drug traffickers came to his "home with guns and demanded that he transport 500 pounds of Marijuana." Leto was arrested during the incident.

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