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COMMUNITY MEETING PLANNED TO ADDRESS MACHADO LAKE TRASH TMDL PROJECT

Torrance, Calif., March 24, 2014 – The City of Torrance’s Public Works Department will host a community meeting Thursday, March 27th at 7 p.m. at the Madrona Marsh Nature Center, 3201 Plaza del Amo, to discuss the installation of “no parking” signs for street sweeping and trash screens on catch basins in the City of Torrance south of Sepulveda Boulevard.

“Currently, Torrance is one of many South Bay cities out of compliance with the LA Regional Water Quality Control Board,” said Engineering Manager John Dettle. “Street litter flows into our watersheds and eventually to Machado Lake and the ocean... We need to catch the litter, leaves, sediment and other harmful debris with these trash screens and improve our street sweeping efforts to meet the limit of zero trash in Machado Lake.”

The installation of the trash screens and no parking signs are funded, by a Proposition 84 grant and by Torrance and five other South Bay cities. Leaves, trash and other harmful debris, if not captured, flow into catch basins. This material eventually decomposes and creates a nutrient load that is harmful to the environment, humans and wildlife.

The community meeting will address the timeframe and location for the installation of the catch basin trash screens and no parking signs and raise awareness about how littering has devastating effects on the community and our environment, particularly the harmful effects of cigarette butts, the largest source of trash on the Torrance Beach. Residents and businesses are encouraged to attend the meeting.

Torrance is the lead city for this Proposition 84 grant. The other partner cities include Carson, Lomita, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes and Rolling Hills Estates. Community meetings will be held in each city prior to the installation process.

For more information about the project, please visit:

www.YourTrashYourDecision.TorranceCA.Gov or email YTYD@TorranceCA.Gov.