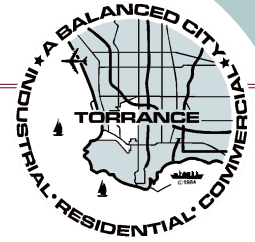


# CITY OF TORRANCE

## OPTIMIZED WEEKLY STREET SWEEPING PROGRAM



### PROJECT FACT SHEET

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board has adopted regulations for the City to limit trash, bacteria, nutrients and toxins discharged from our storm drain system that ultimately drain to either Machado Lake, Santa Monica Bay or the Dominguez Channel. The limit for trash that is allowed to be discharged is **zero**.

#### **PARTNERSHIP**

The cities of Torrance, Carson, Lomita, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes and Rolling Hills Estates have partnered in an effort to comply with the adopted regulations for storm water runoff that drains to Machado Lake.

#### **WHY STREET SWEEPING?**

Street sweeping is most effective for preventing trash, oils, grease, brake dust, plant debris and sediment from entering the City's storm drain system. All vehicles must be removed from the street for a short period of time on one weekday per week. To accomplish effective street sweeping, trash screens will be installed on existing storm water catch basins to help prevent debris and trash from entering the storm drain system.

#### **BENEFITS**

- Improves water quality and the environment, optimizes street sweeping effectiveness
- Eases on-street parking availability in neighborhoods currently posted with street sweeping signs
- Cleaner streets and neighborhoods

#### **NO PARKING SIGNS FOR STREET SWEEPING AND PARKING IMPROVEMENTS**

- The City is installing "NO PARKING" signs to increase effectiveness for street sweeping.
- In areas where street sweeping signs currently prohibit parking on both sides of your street on the same weekday, the City will adjust street sweeping towards only one side of your street the first day and the other side of your street the following day.
- In areas where street sweeping signs are not currently posted, the City will be installing new signs on existing sign posts and street light poles. In some cases a new post will be needed. The City intends to install only the minimum number of signs needed, primarily based on sign visibility and roadway geometry. **No signs will be installed until May 2014.**
- City staff is available to discuss and, if appropriate, adjust proposed sign locations. After the signs are installed, there will be a 3-week grace period before enforcement begins.

#### **SCHEDULE**

The installation of signs in Torrance will begin in May 2014 and trash screens will be installed July 2014. **Expected completion date will be December 2014.**

#### **NEXT STEPS**

On April 22, 2014, Public Works staff will present to the City Council about this Optimized Weekly Street Sweeping Program, including sign information. Please join us at that meeting for an overview and discussion. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Torrance City Council Chambers at City Hall at 3031 Torrance Blvd.

#### **AGENCY CONTACT**

For questions or more information, please contact John Dettle, P.E., Engineering Manager or Craig Bilezerian, P.E., Deputy Public Works Director/City Engineer in the Torrance Public Works Department at (310) 781-6900.