



March 29, 2019

Honorable Chris R. Holden  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 5136  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
VIA FAX: (916) 319-2141

**RE: AB 755 (Holden) California tire fee: Stormwater Permit Compliance Fund.**  
**NOTICE OF SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Holden:

The Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities® (Division), representing 86 cities in the County, supports your AB 755, an urgency measure that creates the Stormwater Permit Compliance Fund to offer competitive grants for statewide and regional programs that address the effects of metals and contaminants in stormwater runoff.

AB 755 increases the California tire fee by a modest \$1.50 to raise revenue to fund projects and programs for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit (MS4) compliance requirements that would limit zinc pollutants caused by tires or other sources. When a vehicle is driven, the rubber tire tread slowly wears off and mixes with other materials, like pavement debris and soils, which eventually are washed into storm drains. This is becoming a high-level water quality threat to the current collection of stormwater.

Under the 2012 MS4 permit adopted by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, cities in Los Angeles County must meet the strongest water quality guidelines in the country. Estimates of the total capital costs to comply with the permit exceed \$20 billion to upgrade infrastructure and implement stormwater capture technology.

AB 755 offers a much-needed funding tool to offset the costs of zinc pollutants and invests resources into local and regional projects that benefit the state's water quality and supply.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue. If you have any questions, please contact Kristine Guerrero at [kguerrero@cacities.org](mailto:kguerrero@cacities.org).

Sincerely,

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