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Many complex environmental issues, such as air quality, stormwater runoff, and the push for renewable energy sources, impact Southern California. As a result, all business practices and new developments that affect the different environmental media are drawing increased scrutiny from the regulatory community. In response to these pressures, there have been many examples of great leadership within Southern California, and Los Angeles County in particular. Such examples include the MTA conversion of the majority of its diesel fleet to compressed natural gas (CNG), the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Community College District adopting the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED™) sustainable building rating system, and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power increase in its renewable energy portfolio and sustained rebate offers for the use of solar power.

As a member of the MTA Board, I am interested in exploring the possibility of the MTA blazing more trails in the interest of the environment, especially with a 21st Century proposal like that for Division 6.

I, Therefore, Move that the Board direct MTA Staff to explore the feasibility of, and report back in 60 days on, the inclusion of sustainable building practices into the design for this facility, and for subsequent MTA developments of this magnitude, including, but not limited to such measures as:

- LEED certification for the design of the main building structure at the site.
- The installation of photovoltaic (solar) panels for future energy savings.
 - Consider their use as mechanisms to provide shade for parked buses and/or employee vehicles.
 - Determine how much DWP rebates would be able to offset the installation costs.
- The implementation of Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) in order to reduce the amount of, and improve the quality of, runoff into the City storm drain system, which drains into Ballona Creek, and subsequently to the Santa Monica Bay.
 - Consider options for on-site water retention and reuse.