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SUBJECT: Analysis of "George Bush Sewage Plant" ballot measure

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Since 1993, the Oceanside Water Pollution Control Plant has been operated to protect public health, the Pacific Ocean and the environment through the collection and treatment of wastewater and stormwater for the westside of San Francisco. Each day more than 16 million gallons of wastewater from homes, businesses and street runoff, are cleaned of harmful contaminants before discharge 4.5 miles into the Pacific Ocean. During rainstorms, more than 40 million gallons of wastewater and storm runoff are treated at the Oceanside Water Pollution Control Plant.

In 2004, the plant was recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as the nation's "Plant of the Year". In 2008, the National Association of Clean Water Agencies honored Oceanside Plant for achieving a historic milestone of no discharge violations over its 15 years of protecting San Francisco's waterways.

The cost of possible signage and letterhead replacement if the Oceanside Water Pollution Control plant were to be renamed the "George W. Bush Sewage Treatment Plant" – approximately \$40,000 (this includes entrance signs, interior and exterior signage, and other types of administrative changes).
