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October 16, 2017

The Honorable City Council  
Office of the City Clerk  
Room 395, City Hall  
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Attention: Councilmember Nury Martinez  
Chairperson, Energy, Climate Change, and Environmental  
Justice Committee

Honorable Members:

Subject: Council File No. 17-0930 – Proposed California Waterfix

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is currently finalizing a full detailed report in response to the City Council adopted motion on September 26, 2017 (Council File No. 17-0930), requesting a report on the following items:

- Low-income/lifeline program, and ways to improve and increase enrollment and participation.
- Efforts to remediate the contaminated groundwater in the San Fernando Valley, including costs and funds identified.
- Water supply and delivery infrastructure for the valley, and ways LADWP will help reduce the valley's reliance on water imported from the State Water Project.

The report will be submitted to the Energy, Climate Change, and Environmental Justice Committee by the next meeting. The report will consist of the following information as outlined below:

- **LADWP's Low Income Discount Program/City's Lifeline Program**
  - Program overview and eligibility requirements
  - Enrollment/participation levels
  - Outreach efforts to promote programs to ratepayers
  
- **LADWP's Groundwater Remediation Program**
  - History of contamination and remedial action objectives
  - Previous/ongoing groundwater cleanup efforts
  - Program overview
  - Schedule and milestones
  - Funding sources (water rates, Prop 1, responsible parties, other state/federal programs)
  
- **LADWP's Water Supply Reliability Plans for the San Fernando Valley**
  - Mayor's Sustainable City pLAN goal, and the Urban Water Management Plan
  - Overview of existing and future water supplies and distribution system serving the Valley area
  - Efforts and plans in new local projects and conservation to reduce the San Fernando Valley's reliance on supplies from the State Water Project
  - Overview of Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's (MWD) commitment and programs to assist with local project development and enhance conservation efforts
  - Emergency response plans (LADWP and MWD)

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If you have any questions or require further information on the above, please contact me at (213) 367-1338, or have a member of your staff contact Ms. Winifred J. Yancy, Director of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (213) 367-0025.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David H. Wright". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "W".

David H. Wright  
General Manager

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Enclosure

c/enc: Councilmember Paul Koretz, Vice-Chair, Energy, Climate Change, and  
Environmental Justice Committee  
Council member Paul Krekorian, Member  
Councilmember, Gilbert A. Cedillo, Member  
Councilmember, Mitch O'Farrell, Member  
Ms. Maria Espinoza, Legislative Assistant  
Ms. Winifred J. Yancy

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE REPORT  
relative to the proposed California Waterfix Project.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Martinez - Ryu):

1. REQUEST the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to provide comment and request confirmation and assurances from the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) that the City's financial, environmental, and local water principles are protected as follows:
  - a. The project cost will be based on either the \$16.7 billion estimate provided in MWD's white papers or the amount validated by the Department of Water Resources, whichever is lower.
  - b. MWD participation, if any, shall be capped at 26 percent of this project cost.
  - c. MWD financial investment shall come LAST and only after all other participants have committed.
  - d. Any increase in MWD's participation rate above these amounts should be approved by ballot measure.
  - e. Any purchase of additional water supply should only come AFTER the project is fully financed, rather than serve to further subsidize construction costs at the expense of local ratepayers.
  - f. Any participation by MWD shall be contingent on the California EcoRestore Initiative being fully funded.
  - g. MWD will increase their financial investment in local water, including local stormwater capture and related initiatives.
  - h. MWD will invest resources to remediate contaminated groundwater in the San Fernando Valley.
2. INSTRUCT the LADWP to report back with the following:
  - a. A review of LADWP's low-income/lifeline program, and ways to improve and increase enrollment and participation.
  - b. A review of LADWP's efforts to remediate the contaminated groundwater in the San Fernando Valley, including costs and funds identified.
  - c. A review of LADWP's water supply and delivery infrastructure for the valley, and ways LADWP will help reduce the valley's reliance on water imported from the State Water Project.