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The Riverwood Ranch community in Sunland was established in 1910 and currently consists of roughly 35 parcels. Oro Vista Avenue—connecting the residents of the Riverwood Ranch community to the Sunland-Tujunga area—serves as a paved access from this hillside community.

Its location within the Tujunga Wash and low traffic volumes, Oro Vista Avenue was built as an Arizona style crossing, which is a low-water culvert crossing where a road dips across a normally dry creek bed or drainage area. However, Oro Vista Avenue has become more prone to severe flooding during the wet weather season. In addition, the Big Tujunga Dam, located further upstream, must, on occasion, release water during extreme weather events, further exacerbating flooding in this area and isolating residents from access to emergency services during storm events.

The Big Tujunga Wash comes with its unique set of issues resulting from multiple jurisdictions having ownership along various segments of the Wash. It is therefore important to bring together all partners to identify solutions for better managing flooding and maintaining passable access during wet weather events.

I THEREFORE MOVE the Bureau of Engineering, Bureau of Sanitation, Bureau of Street Services, the Los Angeles Fire Department, and all other relevant City departments, report back to Council in 15 days with solutions for addressing the flooding and access issues at Oro Vista Avenue at Big Tujunga Canyon Road and improvements that will prevent future access closures.

I FURTHER MOVE the Bureau of Engineering, with assistance from the Office of the City Administrative Officer, report back in 15 days on available funding options for the needed improvements and continued maintenance cost associated.

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