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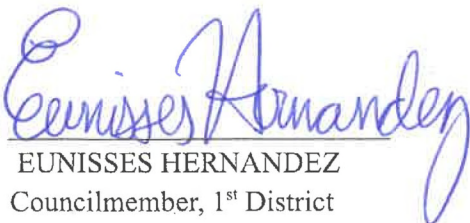
The City of Los Angeles is bracing for potential storms and heavy rainfall attributed to the “super” El Niño. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Climate Prediction Center projects a greater than 90% chance of a strong El Niño, which could bring one of the wettest winters in recent years. Heavy rainfall poses an imminent threat to the City because of the impacts of street flooding, mudslides, debris flows, fallen trees, and infrastructure damage. In anticipation of these impacts, the City’s Public Works Bureaus are actively preparing to respond to storm-related emergencies and provide critical services to keep Angelenos safe.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the Bureau of Street Services, Bureau of Sanitation, Bureau of Engineering, and Bureau of Street Lighting to provide a verbal report to Council on the emergency preparedness, storm response, and post-recovery efforts for El Niño or other storm related emergencies, including:

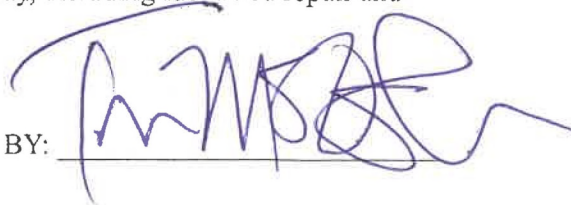
- Crew deployment and reassignment strategies, emergency dispatch teams, and overtime availability for emergency preparedness, storm response, and post-recovery efforts related to heavy rainfall and storm-related emergencies, including, but not limited to, street flooding, fallen trees, and mudslides; inspection, maintenance, and debris clearance of catch basins, storm drains, and drainage channels; response to damaged street lighting infrastructure, including downed or struck poles, exposed wires, conduit damage, hanging fixtures, and open covers; sand and sandbag inventory, deployment, and distribution plans; hillside stability and mudslide preparedness, including inspections of vulnerable areas and emergency response protocols; and assessment of the structural integrity of bridges, tunnels, municipal buildings, and other critical public infrastructure.
- Emergency response intake and coordination protocols, including how storm-related emergency requests are received, prioritized, assigned, and tracked from 311, the Mayor’s Office, Council Offices, and other City departments.
- Recommendations and best practices for residents and businesses to prepare for heavy rainfall, flooding, mudslides, and other storm-related hazards.
- Public information on accessing emergency and non-emergency services, including relevant phone numbers, online resources, and sandbag locations.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the Public Works Bureaus to periodically prepare post-storm reports following the El Niño or other emergency rainstorm events, including work performed and emergency response activities undertaken, storm-related 311 service requests received and addressed, outstanding service requests and response activities, and damage to the public right-of-way, including identified repair and restoration needs.

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