

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, AND RIVER COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the current and projected water drought conditions statewide from all sources of water, including stored water supplies and conveyance infrastructure, potential impacts to ratepayers, impacts of the drought on hydroelectric resources, implications for meeting the plan towards reaching LA100 100% carbon-free electricity, and related matters.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (O'Farrell – Koretz – Krekorian):

1. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), and request the Metropolitan Water District to report on current and projected water drought conditions statewide from all sources of water, including stored water supplies and conveyance infrastructure, and potential impacts to LADWP ratepayers, so as to clearly describe and recommend both voluntary and mandatory options to conserve water.
2. INSTRUCT the LADWP to report on the impacts of the drought on hydroelectric resources and the implications for meeting our plan towards reaching LA100: 100% carbon-free electricity.
3. INSTRUCT the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS), LADWP, and request the Metropolitan Water District to report on the expansion of large scale water recycling projects and budgetary programs meant to increase water conservation and expand our local water supply in order to reduce reliance on increasingly unpredictable imported water supplies, which could include but is not limited to a focus on disadvantaged communities, including potential for direct install of water efficiency improvements to remove barriers for conservation and reduce water bills, more aggressive and focused rebates / incentives, opportunities for funding community engagement efforts, e.g., the Cool City Challenge Cool Blocks program and others, and infrastructure investments directly associated with conveyance and the distribution of water.
4. INSTRUCT LADWP and the Department of Building and Safety, with the assistance of all Departments as needed, to report on current enforcement efforts against water wasters, all possible water conservation code improvements in the City and how to implement and enforce them, including, for example, the possible benefits of requiring circulating pumps in new construction, to save water from hot water warm-up flows.
5. INSTRUCT LADWP and BOS to report on the projects they are prioritizing for stormwater capture and water recycling, including one-time grant funding, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and the California State budget surplus, consistent with the instructions laid out in Council file no. 21-1015, including but not limited to the North Hollywood Park stormwater capture project pursuant to Council instructions in Council file no. 21-0657.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Submitted.

For:
Westside Neighborhood Council

Summary:

On June 16, 2022, your Committee considered Motion (O'Farrell – Koretz – Krekorian) relative to the current and projected water drought conditions statewide from all sources of water, including stored water supplies and conveyance infrastructure, potential impacts to ratepayers, impacts of the drought on hydroelectric resources, implications for meeting the plan towards reaching LA100 100% carbon-free electricity, and related matters. The Motion attached to the Council file includes some background on the matter.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Energy, Climate Change, Environmental Justice, and River Committee moved to approve the recommendations reflected above as amended. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, AND RIVER COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
O'FARRELL:	YES
KORETZ:	ABSENT
CEDILLO:	ABSENT
DE LEON:	YES
KREKORIAN:	YES

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