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As a result of severe drought conditions impacting the State and the Los Angeles region, the Department of Water and Power (DWP) implemented Water Shortage Rates in the spring 2009. Water Shortage Rates are designed to encourage water conservation through appropriate price signals to water consumers. The rate structure charges higher rates for higher use of water.

When Water Shortage Rates were adopted, the Council called for the DWP to provide the Mayor and Council quarterly reports on existing drought conditions. As part of these reports, the DWP was to inform the Mayor and Council as to the need to continue or terminate Water Shortage Rates given the supply of water (CF # 07-3248-S1).

Due to significant increases in Statewide rainfall and mountain snowpack levels, the Governor recently declared the three-year drought officially over (spring 2011). This was supported by the Department of Water Resources recent finding of snowpack levels at 165% of the current season average.

Given the recent declaration by the Governor, the DWP should report to the Council as to the latest status of the City's water supply as specified in the City's Water Shortage Rate action of spring 2009. Additionally, the DWP should report to the Council as to the need to continue or terminate Water Shortage Rates given the existing supply of water.

In this manner the interests of the ratepayers may be upheld as established in the Council's Water Shortage Rate action of April 17th, 2009 (CF # 07-3248-S1).

WE THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Water and Power (DWP) be requested to report to the Council immediately as to the latest status of the City's water supply and the need to continue or terminate Water Shortage Rates given the supply of water (CF # 07-3248-S1).

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