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July 31, 2013

To All Interested Parties:

The City Council adopted the action(s), as attached, under Council File No. 12-0879,
at its meeting held July 26, 2013.

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COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR AND MEMBER, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE relative to the Port of Los Angeles protocol for responding to potential debris washing up along the Los Angeles coastline as a result of the 2011 Tsunami and Tohoku, Japan Earthquake.

Recommendation for Council action:

NOTE and FILE the Harbor Department report dated January 10, 2013 (attached to the Council file) relative to the protocol for responding to potential debris washing up along the Los Angeles coastline as a result of the 2011 Tsunami and Tohoku, Japan Earthquake.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to the Public Safety Committee dated January 10, 2013, the Harbor Department discusses protocol for responding to potential debris washing up along the Los Angeles coastline as a result of the 2011 Tsunami and Tohoku, Japan Earthquake. The Department reports that an estimated five million tons of debris washed into the ocean as result of the Tsunami. Approximately 70 percent of this debris sank near the Japanese coast. The majority of the debris field currently remains north of the Hawaiian Islands. According to estimates the debris will continue to hit the Pacific Northwest for a long period of time. Experts believe that most of the debris will remain north of Point Conception, in Northern Santa Barbara County, and that only small amounts of debris could hit the shores of Los Angeles County.

The Department goes on to report that the initial response for debris landing in moderate amounts will be the responsibility of the agency that manages the affected coastal area. For the majority of the Los Angeles coastline this would be the Los Angeles County Beaches and Harbors Department. Responding agencies will collect and dispose the debris from their areas. In the event of large amounts of debris landing over a short period of time where the demand for resources exceeds the capability of the responding agency, a multi-agency response will be initiated using standard mutual aid procedures and will follow the guidelines of the Standardized Emergency Management System. The Harbor Department's report goes on to discuss the roles of City of Los Angeles Departments, the handling of hazardous materials, radiological concerns, the tracking and monitoring of Tsunami debris, and public outreach.

At the Public Safety Committee meeting held June 28, 2013, the Committee Chair and Member recommended that Council note and file the Harbor Department report.

Respectfully Submitted,



MEMBER **VOTE**
ENGLANDER: YES
PERRY: ABSENT

BUSCAINO: ABSENT
KREKORIAN: ABSENT
ZINE: YES

-NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL COUNCIL ACTS-

ADOPTED
** as amended*
JUL 26 2013
See attached Motion
LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

VERBAL MOTION

I HEREBY MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the Harbor Department to report on the level of radiation potentially reaching Los Angeles as a result of the nuclear accident at Fukushima and the continued leakage of radioactive materials from the nuclear power plant.

PRESENTED BY _____
PAUL KORETZ
Councilmember, 5th District

SECONDED BY _____
PAUL KREKORIAN
Councilmember, 2nd District

July 26, 2013

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