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During the week of September 23, 2013, the Bureau of Sanitation hosted *The One Water Leadership Summit* where hundreds of national and local water experts met to discuss opportunities and alternatives to meet water needs and challenges while improving the quality of life in communities, the environment, and revitalizing local economies.

The "One Water" planning concept was a focal point of the Summit and it refers to the idea of integrating blue-green projects and mitigation efforts in all neighborhoods and watersheds to effectively capture, conserve and reuse our limited "one" water supply.

Blue-green projects and solutions include a variety of water-cleansing/friendly landscapes such as green streets, porous sidewalks, trees, grassy swales and wetlands. They also consist of rain gardens, rain barrels, cisterns and green roofs. These solutions can help transform our neighborhoods into healthy, livable and sustainable communities.

The City, and region, is facing numerous environmental challenges including changing climate, waterway pollution, flooding, lack of green and open space and dependence on imported water. In addition, federal and state requirements on water compliance will force Los Angeles to implement further mitigation efforts. The blue-green solutions associated with the "One Water" planning concept can help address many of these challenges.

Given this, the City should pursue the "One Water" planning concept and seek ways to effectively implement blue-green projects and solutions in our communities.

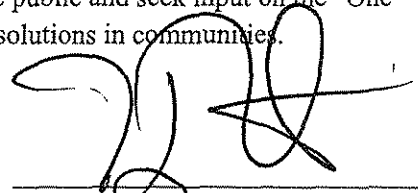
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Sanitation report to the Energy and Environment Committee in 30 days on the principles and objectives of the "One Water" planning concept and its associated blue-green projects and solutions to effectively meet local and regional water mandates.

I FURTHER MOVE, that the Bureau of Sanitation report on the formation and recommended participants of a "One Water" implementation team/group consisting of relevant City departments, environmental organizations and community stakeholders tasked with developing methods and approaches to implement the objectives and principles of the "One Water" planning concept.

I FURTHER MOVE, that the Bureau of Sanitation report back on all federal and state mandates affecting the City's water system including the timelines for which we have to meet compliance and details on the City's current progress in meeting all requirements.

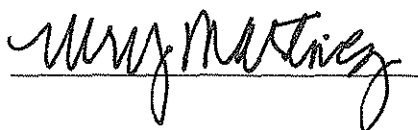
I FURTHER MOVE, that the Bureau of Sanitation develop a community outreach plan, which would include Neighborhood Councils, to effectively engage the public and seek input on the "One Water" planning concept and the implementation of blue-green solutions in communities.

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