

INNOVATION, TECHNOLOGY AND GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the irrigation of turf-grass on large lawns located on City property that are not intended for recreation and replacing lawns on City property with drought-tolerant plants.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Bonin - Fuentes - Blumenfield):

1. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) and General Services Department (GSD) to immediately cease irrigation of turf-grass on large lawns located on City property that are not specifically intended for recreation, so that the lawns are not using needed water while they wait to be replaced with native and drought-tolerant landscaping solutions.
2. INSTRUCT the DWP and GSD to report to Council on the progress of replacing lawns on City property with drought-tolerant plants, and how much water is intended to be used to irrigate lawns and other water-intensive plants on property owned by the City while the conversion to re sustainable landscaping takes place.
3. DIRECT the Department of Recreation and Parks to consult with the DWP and GSD and report to the Information, Technology and General Services and Energy and Environment Committees with a list of turf lawns on City-owned property that are not intended to be used for recreation and that are greater than 1,000 square-feet in size. That list should identify which lawns are scheduled to be replaced with drought-tolerant plants in the future, and when the conversion is scheduled to happen.
4. CLARIFY that the irrigation system that waters shrubs and trees on City property should not be shut off as a result of this motion, as doing so could cause trees to die.
5. ENSURE that the irrigation system on City property should not be shut off unless there is a confirmation that the lawn will still be eligible for rebate programs and should not preclude City departments using the cash for grass program.
6. ENSURE that any lawn left to die as a result of this motion has a sign posted in it explaining why the lawn is not being watered and how neighbors can get more information about water conservation.
7. REQUEST that this Motion is also referred to the Energy and Environment Committee.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

At a meeting held on October 14, 2014, the Innovation, Technology and General Services Committee considered Motion (Bonin - Fuentes - Blumenfield) relative to the irrigation of turf-grass on large lawns located on City property that are not intended for recreation and replacing lawns on City property with drought-tolerant plants.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the recommendation contained in the Motion (Bonin - Fuentes - Blumenfield) and added additional instructions as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

INNOVATION TECHNOLOGY AND GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

<b><u>MEMBER</u></b>	<b><u>VOTE</u></b>
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
BONIN:	YES
O'FARRELL:	ABSENT

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