

MOTION

On May 23, 2014, the City Council adopted a Motion (Blumenfield – Buscaino – Fuentes – LaBonge; CF-14-0338) to create the Los Angeles - Eilat Innovation and Cooperation Task Force also known as the LA – Israel Task Force. The purpose of the Task Force is to foster technology development, business development, and educational and research opportunities in clean technology, water resources, solar energy, and the environmental technologies. The Task Force is comprised of the following organizations: Department of Water and Power; Public Works Department; Consul General of Israel; Clean Tech LA; and Israeli and the Los Angeles business community. The Mayor’s Office and members of the City Council’s Innovation and Technology, Public Works and Energy and Environment Committees also serve on the Task Force.


The Task Force seeks to strengthen and facilitate cooperative initiatives regarding alternative energy, environmental technology, health, food and agriculture and other technology-based industry sectors.

One of the priorities of the Task Force is the remediation of the San Fernando Valley groundwater aquifer which is important in achieving the City’s sustainability goals. Remediating the groundwater aquifer will ensure a more reliable and locally-sourced water supply for the City.

A key challenge in this effort is addressing the cost. Remediating the groundwater will likely involve significant capital investment from the City and the ratepayers. To ensure the most cost-effective approaches are utilized in the remediation of the groundwater, the Department of Water and Power should review all viable options.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Water and Power be requested to review and report to the Council in 60 days on various approaches/technologies that may benefit the San Fernando groundwater aquifer remediation effort in a cost effective manner, such as the In-Situ soil treatment approach utilized by the Israeli company, Natyfit; and other firms and techniques.

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