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ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

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A massive water main break occurred Tuesday afternoon, July 29th, 2014, that sent a geyser shooting approximately 30 feet in the air and flooded portions of Sunset Boulevard and UCLA. The Department of Water and Power (DWP) estimated that the water main break lost between 8 - 10 million gallons of water. According to reports, the water flowed for more than four hours from the 90-year-old water main until DWP work crews shut-down the appropriate valves.

The UCLA campus suffered extensive water damage as a result of the ruptured water main. The newly renovated Pauley Pavilion contained up to 8 inches of water on its floor during the height of the flow. The water also reached other athletic facilities on the campus including the J.D. Morgan Center, UCLA's Athletic Hall of Fame, the John Wooden Center and Drake Stadium.

The UCLA campus parking structures also faced rushing water that trapped victims in their cars. UCLA officials are in the process of conducting cleanups of these facilities and assessing the total water damage.

The water main break had a significant impact on the UCLA campus and the nearby residential area. Many City residents were displaced as a result of this occurrence and suffered damage to property.

Given this, it is necessary that the DWP immediately report to the City Council as to the status of the water main break and its cause. In addition, the DWP should report as to the operational history of the water main and whether it was scheduled for any repairs or upgrades. Furthermore, the DWP should report as to steps it is taking to minimize water main ruptures throughout the City; including the status of its long-term water infrastructure program and efforts to replace and protect the public and property from future ruptures.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Water and Power (DWP) immediately report to the Council's Energy and Environment Committee regarding the Sunset Boulevard/UCLA water main break that occurred on July 29th, 2014; specifically the following:

- Current status of the water main rupture and what caused it to occur;
- Operational history of the water main and whether it had any prior physical integrity issues;
- The DWP's water infrastructure program and whether the ruptured water main was scheduled for repair/upgrades;
- Steps the DWP is taking to minimize water main ruptures/leaks and their impact on the public and property; including new technologies that can help identify water system physical integrity issues prior to ruptures.
- The status of the DWP's long-term water infrastructure program and efforts to replace aging water system components and improve system reliability; including a review/assessment of a more rapid pace of system replacement.

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