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On November 4, 2014, California voters approved Proposition 1, authorizing the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$7.55 billion to finance a water quality, supply, and infrastructure program.

The Department of Water and Power (DWP), along with other water agencies across the state, must now compete for these funds. Funding categories include water recycling, stormwater capture, and groundwater cleanup. In most cases, projects funded by Proposition 1 will require a 50 percent local cost share.

DWP has previously reported to the City Council that Proposition 1 funds would support needed local water supply projects and offset costs to ratepayers, thereby making these projects more locally cost effective.

The Office of Public Accountability (OPA), in a report dated December 11, 2014, determined that the typical Los Angeles household share of bond debt (\$1.97 per household per month) would be fully offset if the water bond funds at least \$701 million in City water projects. The OPA also recommended that the City identify, prioritize and maximize Proposition 1 grant opportunities.

Given the need to fund local water supply projects – including the cleanup of the San Fernando Basin – it is critical that Los Angeles be competitive in the acquisition of Proposition 1 funds.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Water and Power, in collaboration with the Bureau of Sanitation, Chief Legislative Analyst, the City Administrative Officer, and the Office of Public Accountability, be requested/instructed to report to the Council in 45 days on:

- A coordinated legislative strategy to communicate the City's water-related needs during the Proposition 1 grant formation/implementation process; and
- The identification of potential City projects eligible for Proposition 1 funds in order to meet the City's critical water-related needs.

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