MOTION

Three major water infrastructure projects are planned for the Northeast San Fernando Valley: the Pacoima Spreading Grounds Basin Enhancement Project, the Tujunga Spreading Grounds Enhancement Project, and the Pacoima Reservoir Sediment Removal Project.

The Los Angeles County Flood Control District (County), which owns and operates the Pacoima Spreading Grounds, intends to expand that basin to increase its storage capacity. The basin is a source of water for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP). Council File 15-0234 requested the DWP to collaborate with the County on a community outreach plan.

The DWP and the County are also working to reconfigure the spreading basins at the Tujunga Spreading Grounds and make other improvements to increase groundwater recharge there.

Additionally, the County is undertaking a project to remove sediment that has collected in the Pacoima Reservoir and is currently preparing an Environmental Impact Report.

Construction on these three projects will impact the communities surrounding them. It would be appropriate for the DWP and County to report to Council on the status the projects and efforts to engage local communities.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Council request the Department of Water and Power (DWP) to collaborate with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (County) to report in 90 days on the status of the Pacoima Spreading Grounds, Tujunga Spreading Grounds, and Pacoima Reservoir projects, including timelines for construction, potential impacts and mitigation measures to limit impacts to the surrounding communities.

I FURTHER MOVE that the DWP and County report on community outreach plans for each of the three projects.

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