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Stormwater flows diverted to the Pacoima Spreading Grounds recharge the San Fernando Groundwater Basin, which is a long-term local water supply source for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

The Los Angeles County Flood Control District (County), which owns and operates the spreading grounds, intends to expand the basin to increase its storage capacity. When complete, the spreading grounds will be able to conserve an additional 10,500 acre-feet of water annually, enough to serve 26,250 families.

The proposed project calls for the removal of approximately 1.37 million cubic yards of material from the spreading grounds; the material will be transported by truck to the nearby Vulcan Material Company facilities for disposal.

The County released its Initial Study on the basin enhancement project in December 2014 and is preparing a Mitigated Negative Declaration, which is expected later this year. It is critical that project impacts are minimized for residents living near the spreading grounds and that the surrounding communities are well informed about the project's progress.

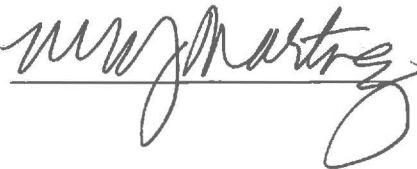
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Water and Power collaborate with the Los Angeles County Flood Country District to report to the Council in 60 days on a community outreach plan for residents of Mission Hills and Arleta relative to the Pacoima Spreading Grounds Project; including the upcoming Mitigated Negative Declaration.

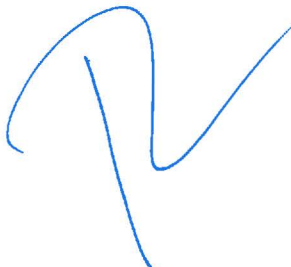
I FURTHER MOVE that Department of Water and Power collaborate with the Los Angeles County Flood Country District and report regarding the formation of a public input process relating to the Project's impacts and potential community benefits such as new open space.

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