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According to meteorologists and oceanographers, a major El Nino condition is developing off the western coast of South America. In past years, the warming of the Pacific Ocean has been linked to massive winter storms affecting California.

Past El Nino related storm systems have been responsible for devastating flooding, as well as, significant wave damage along coastal areas. Given the potential danger that El Nino storms pose to the City, all City departments must be prepared to respond to and recover from such hazardous weather conditions. It is appropriate that all City departments take the necessary steps to prepare emergency preparedness plans for multiple eventualities, such as flooding, mud and debris, to ensure the safety of all City residents.

It is equally as important that hillside communities and other areas subject to flooding, mudslides and debris, are provided the necessary information as they prepare for anticipated El Nino storms. Also, the City has experienced an unprecedented drought which could exacerbate potential damage from El Nino storms. The forthcoming El Nino could result in 19 to 30 inches of rainfall.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Emergency Management Department, in conjunction with the Department of Public Works, the Los Angeles Fire Department and the Los Angeles Police Department, be directed to prepare and present an El Nino Emergency Preparedness Plan for the City of Los Angeles that also provides informational guidelines and instructional material to assist hillside property owners, and others, in their own preparation for potential flooding and mud/debris flows resulting from winter storms; such report to be submitted within 60 days, including what steps need to be taken before the arrival of the winter storm season, and the current state of City preparedness.

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