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The El Niño weather season typically brings extensive rain and with it the potential for extreme flooding, which may lead to damaged property and harm to lives. The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), a partner to the City and County of Los Angeles, is working to implement an emergency response interim flood protection measures to provide safeguards in and along the Los Angeles River.

The USACE is providing a proactive approach and resources to perform vegetation removal, install and maintain barrier baskets, and stage related equipment for convenient emergency access. Action is needed to provide the USACE with access authority and the Right of Entry to perform this work.

The USACE work requires a coordinated effort by City departments to provide access and authority to utilize City yards, access points, facilities and roadways. The Right of Entry should be accompanied with a request that USACE provide regular reports on these measures, their performance and maintenance, as well as an after-action report that takes into full account and consideration the habitat and environmental value of the Los Angeles River. The scope and measures deployed are temporary in a nature and the USACE plans to implement on January 12, 2016 and end not later than May 11, 2016.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council determine, as provided in Section 54954.2(b)(2) of the Government Code, and pursuant to Rule 23 of the Rules of the City Council, that there is a need to take immediate action on this matter AND that the need for action came to the attention of the City Council subsequent to the posting of the agenda for today's Council meeting.

I FURTHER MOVE that that the City Council instruct the Department of Recreation and Parks, Department of Water and Power, Department of Transportation, the Public Works Department, and the Emergency Management Department, with assistance from the City Attorney, to grant access and Right of Entry, as well as the authorization to complete documentation and/or execute agreements, with the United States Army Corps of Engineers to perform interim temporary protective measures such as vegetation removal, installation and maintenance of barrier baskets, and staging related equipment to bolster the flood protection of the Los Angeles River.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Emergency Management Department be designated as the City's administrative and coordination agent with the USACE.

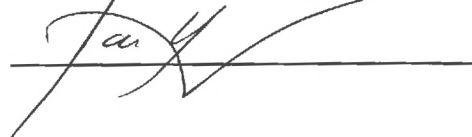
I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Transportation and Public Works Department provide assistance in identifying and monitoring bicycle paths and lanes for as needed closures to maximize public safety during the deployment of the proposed protective measures.

I FURTHER MOVE that the USACE be requested to document and submit, with written records and photographs, current site and facility conditions and to restore and repair all utilized City areas to prior condition, or better, at the close of this authorization.



I FURTHER MOVE that the USACE be requested to provide a regular report on the protective measures, their performance and maintenance, and an after-action report on the habitat and environmental value of the river.

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