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Recent reports indicate a greater than 90% chance of an El Niño event bringing significant rainfall to the region. This El Niño is expected to continue intensifying into the upcoming fall or winter and may persist into spring 2016, which provides the potential for it to be the strongest one on record. While significant precipitation is welcome news in light of California's record-setting fourth consecutive year of drought, previous El Niño events in Los Angeles have unleashed devastating mudslides, rockslides, debris flows, widespread flooding and extreme high tides. The last El Niño event in 1997-98 resulted in 17 deaths and approximately \$550 million in damage 35 counties throughout California.

The City of Los Angeles must ensure steps are taken in order to prepare our City's hillsides, storm drains, gutters, debris basins, bridges, and other infrastructure for potentially significant rainfall. We should also take this opportunity to prepare residents and property owners for this potentially dangerous and damaging climate event by educating them on the steps they can take to reduce their chances of experiencing storm-related damage.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Public Works Bureaus of Sanitation and Street Services, along with the Department of Water and Power, be instructed to report to the City Council relative to their efforts to prepare the City's storm drains, gutters, debris basins, public utilities, and other critical infrastructure for a potential El Niño event.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Emergency Management Department and Fire Department be instructed to report to the City Council relative to their efforts to prepare and educate residents in low-lying coastal communities, as well as the hillside and recent burn areas, on how to ensure public safety and protect property from storm-related damage.

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