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MOTION

California is experiencing a historic and worsening drought, causing both the City and State to issue water conservation mandates.

Many Los Angeles residents have taken the drought as seriously as merited, implementing water conservation measures that have resulted in the City's reducing its water use by, for example, 17% in August 2015, as compared with August 2013.

The Los Angeles Times reported on October 7, 2015, that a homeowner in Bel-Air is using 1,300 gallons of water hourly, enough for 90 average households. *The Times* also reported that, for the year ending in April 2015, Bel-Air had four of the top five water users in the State.

In such a horrific drought, it is irresponsible to be using water at such a rate - and a slap in the face to neighbors who have heroically complied with austere water use measures.

Additionally, the increased cost of imported water to make up for supply shortfalls is being spread evenly among water users in the City, regardless of conservation efforts, which means that those who are conserving may still be paying extra for excess water that others are using.

Given the disparity between water conservationists and water wasters in the City, it is necessary that the City Council take appropriate action to protect the City's fragile water supply; and the finances of its responsibility-minded residents.

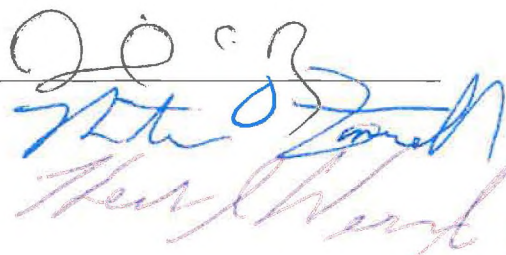
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Water and Power (DWP) be requested to report to the Council within 30 days on measures that can be taken in the short and long-term to address excessive water use among DWP customers, including imposing severe financial penalties and, as a last resort, shutting-off water for water abusers.

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