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The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP) is limited in its ability to mitigate security threats and vulnerabilities, according to a recent independent analysis of the utility.

The 2015 Industrial, Economic, and Administrative (IEA) Survey conducted by Navigant Consulting found that DWP lacks formal security processes and has "no formal executive governance structure to support cyber and physical security initiatives." Among the report's findings:

- There is limited communication between cybersecurity programs in the Water, Power, and Joint Services Systems and there is no uniformity to the cybersecurity policies across Systems;
- Cybersecurity is constrained by a lack of forward leaning leadership, initiative and support from executive governance;
- Facility managers in the Power and Water Systems do not have formal processes to report physical security gaps;
- The Physical Security group has little authority to address reported security gaps and implement security initiatives because it has no line budget for critical capital projects and limited support from executive management.

As part of its study, Navigant reviewed a 2001 Security and Terrorism Threat Assessment, which appeared to be the most recent independent analysis of the utility. To determine if DWP had addressed the security concerns identified in the 2001 report, Navigant visited facilities critical to the utility's daily operations for further review. Navigant found that while the Water System appeared to take a more proactive approach to security, the Power System "ignored most of the recommendations identified in the 2001 assessment."

The Daily News, which obtained an un-redacted copy of the Navigant study, reported last week that one facility visited by Navigant lacked working security cameras. At one power distribution center, Navigant found that DWP personnel did not inspect delivery trucks or record the names of drivers.

The Navigant report provides a number of recommendations to address DWP's cyber and physical security concerns. Robust physical and cyber security is critical to the stability of the utility and the safety of its employees and Los Angeles residents.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the Department of Water and Power (DWP) to immediately report, in Closed Session if necessary, on the following:

- Actions taken by DWP to address the security gaps at the specific locations visited by Navigant as part of the IEA Survey;
- Actions taken by DWP to implement the security recommendations proposed by Navigant;
- Actions taken by the Board of Water and Power Commissioners to address the security recommendations proposed by Navigant.

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