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REPORT RE:

DRAFT ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF THE LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER'S (LADWP) ALLOCATION AND EXPENDITURE OF \$1,437,498.15 FOR COSTS AND EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE MOHAVE PROJECT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2016-2017, 2017-2018 AND 2018-2019 (MOHAVE PROJECT BUDGET)

The Honorable City Council of the City of Los Angeles Room 395, City Hall 200 North Spring Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Honorable Members:

This Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration the enclosed draft ordinance, approved as to form and legality. This draft ordinance authorizes the approval of LADWP's allocation and expenditure of \$1,437.498.15 for its proportionate share of the Mohave Project Budget, which includes, among other things, ongoing administrative costs, property maintenance costs, property disposition costs and property taxes. This budget approval is requested to maintain and protect LADWP's 30 percent ownership interest in the Mohave Project and seeks \$1,437,498.15 for LADWP's proportionate share of the Mohave Project Budget.

Background

A report to the Board of Water and Power Commissioners, which provides a detailed summary of the background on this matter, has been transmitted separately.

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Summary of Ordinance Provisions

This ordinance authorizes the approval of the Mohave Project Budget.

CEQA Findings

In accordance with Section 15277 of the Guidelines of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Mohave Project is located in Nevada and subject to the National Environmental Policy Act; and, therefore, expenditures relating to this project are not subject to CEQA.

Council Rule 38 Referral

Pursuant to Council Rule 38, this draft ordinance has been presented to the Board of Water and Power Commissioners, and its comments have been incorporated or resolved with LADWP.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Vaughn Minassian at (213) 367-5297. He or another member of this Office will be present when you consider this matter to answer any questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

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