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MOTION

The use of recycled water is an important strategy in addressing water supply and water conservation. There is urgency to maximize this strategy given the severe drought, record-breaking reliance on imported water by the City, and the continuing impacts of climate change on our water sources.

The City's Department of Water and Power [DWP] is planning the expansion of its distribution network for recycled water, having assessed needs and potential customers in its 2012 Recycled Water Master Plan. Council District 14 has numerous potential customers for recycled water, including many in Boyle Heights such as Hollenbeck Park Lake, the USC Medical Center campus and the adjacent Hazard Park, Evergreen Cemetery, Cal State University Los Angeles, and multiple industrial users in the southern part of Boyle Heights. However, current expectations for the build out of a proposed distribution network may not reach the Eastside for several years, pending approval of environmental documents and the availability of resources for pipeline construction.

Central Basin Municipal Water District [Central Basin] also delivers recycled water to customers in its service area, which covers 24 cities in southeast Los Angeles County as well as unincorporated County areas. Its 50-mile pipeline system provides treated recycled water obtained through the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County to more than 210 industrial, commercial and landscape irrigation sites, reaching nearest the Los Angeles City border in Vernon, just south of Boyle Heights.

There may be potential for DWP to coordinate with Central Basin, given the proximity of their respective service areas, in order to provide recycled water alternatives to customers sooner or at less expense than if the agencies work independently.

I THEREFORE MOVE that DWP explore and report to Council in 30 days on opportunities to coordinate with Central Basin WRD to expedite delivery of recycled water to potential customers in Los Angeles adjacent to the Central Basin's territory, and to identify potential savings, if any, that could result.

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