

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR AND MEMBER, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE relative to the status of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's (LADWP) and Bureau of Sanitation's (BOS) water conservation programs.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. NOTE and FILE January 31, 2014 LADWP report relative to the status of the LADWP's water conservation programs.
2. REQUEST the LADWP and INSTRUCT the BOS to report quarterly to the Energy and Environment Committee on the status of the drought and ratepayer compliance with water use restrictions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the LADWP. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst have completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On February 5, 2015, the Chair and one member of the Energy and Environment Committee considered a January 31, 2014 LADWP report relative to the status of the LADWP's water conservation programs. According to the LADWP, on January 21, 2014, Council introduced a Motion (Fuentes - Blumenfield) calling for the LADWP and the BOS to report to the Energy and Environment Committee at its next meeting on the status of its water conservation programs and efforts to increase local water resources. Additionally, the Motion called for the LADWP and BOS to report on how the Governor's declaration of drought emergency would affect the departments and Los Angeles residents; and any related actions the departments may take to meet the declaration demand.

The LADWP then stated that every five-years as part of its Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) process, the LADWP develops and submits to the State of California the City's water shortage contingency plan. The Los Angeles City Municipal Code Chapter XII, Article I, Emergency Water Conservation Plan Ordinance is the City's water shortage contingency plan. As set forth in this Ordinance, the City has conservation phases and actions that can be implemented in response to dry-year conditions causing water supply shortages. A summary of the conservation phase and associated actions that the City is currently taking in response to the Governor's dry-year declaration is detailed in the January 31, LADWP report and attached to the Council file. Additionally, the LADWP presented an overview of its various water conservation programs and responded to questions from the Committee members.

After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee Chair moved to note and file the January 31, 2014 LADWP report. Additionally, the Chair moved to recommend requesting the LADWP and instructing the BOS to report quarterly to the Committee on the status of the drought and ratepayer compliance with water use restrictions. This matter is now referred to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

COUNCILMEMBER FELIPE FUENTES, CHAIR
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
FUENTES:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
LABONGE:	ABSENT
HUIZAR:	ABSENT
KORETZ:	ABSENT

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