

MOTION

On May 23, 2014, the City Council adopted a Motion (Blumenfield – Buscaino – Fuentes – LaBonge; CF-14-0338) to create the Los Angeles - Eilat Innovation and Cooperation Task Force also known as the LA – Israel Task Force. The purpose of the Task Force is to foster technology development, business development, and educational and research opportunities in clean technology, water resources, solar energy, and the environmental technologies. The Task Force is comprised of the following organizations: Department of Water and Power; Public Works Department; Consul General of Israel; Clean Tech LA; and Israeli and the Los Angeles business community. The Mayor’s Office and members of the City Council’s Innovation and Technology, Public Works and Energy and Environment Committees also serve on the Task Force.

The Task force seeks to strengthen and facilitate cooperative initiatives regarding alternative energy, environmental technology, health, food and agriculture and other technology-based industry sectors. Currently the Task Force is developing innovative approaches to increase water conservation and meet the Mayor’s sustainability goals.

The Task Force is exploring innovative approaches to reduce potable water use by utilizing rainwater for sanitary purposes. The approach was pioneered in Israel and is now being tested at the Milken School in Los Angeles.

To advance this effort, the Task Force is pursuing a rainwater demonstration project in conjunction with the Milken School. This way, Los Angeles can have a more reliable and locally-sourced water supply.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Water and Power be requested to participate in the rainwater demonstration project in conjunction with the Los Angeles - Eilat Innovation and Cooperation Task Force by providing insight, technical assistance and peer review; thereby assessing the project’s feasibility in achieving water savings City-wide.

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