

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION, PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT (PLUM) COMMITTEE REPORT and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the Citywide water efficiency standards and require water-saving systems and technologies.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. FIND that this action is categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15307 because it is an action taken, as authorized by state law, to maintain a natural resource. The Ordinance may also be found exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15308, because it is an action taken, as authorized by state law, to protect the environment. Id. Section 15308, in which the mandatory water-saving measures being introduced are intended to maintain the City's water supply and offset an unprecedented drought that continues to threaten the City's natural environment and its inhabitants; additionally the Ordinance is categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(a) and (c) for Emergency Projects, in which the Ordinance seeks to maintain a water supply that has been seriously diminished as a result of a drought state of emergency; the actions proposed by the Ordinance are necessary to mitigate the current drought emergency, which has no indication of relenting and requires immediate action.
2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying New Ordinance, dated April 20, 2016, approved by the PLUM Committee, relative to amending certain provisions of Articles 4 and 9 of Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to establish Citywide water efficiency standards and require water-saving systems and technologies in buildings and landscapes to conserve and reduce water usage.
3. NOT PRESENT and ORDER FILED the Ordinance dated April 11, 2016.

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

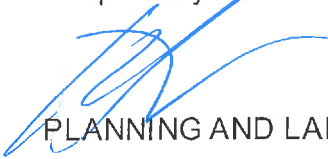
Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Energy and Environment Committee waived consideration of this matter)

Summary:

At a regular meeting held on April 19, 2016, the PLUM Committee considered a draft Ordinance regarding the Citywide water efficiency standards and require water-saving systems and technologies in buildings and landscapes. Representative of the City Attorney provided information to the Committee and presented a revised Ordinance. Staff from the Department of Building and Safety provided information to the Committee and explained the revisions to the original Ordinance. After an opportunity for public comment, the Committee approved the revised Ordinance with the suggestions from the Department of Building and Safety. This matter is now submitted to the Council for it's consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,



PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

| <u>MEMBER:</u> | <u>VOTE:</u> |
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| HUIZAR | YES |
| HARRIS-DAWSON | YES |
| CEDILLO | ABSENT |
| ENGLANDER | YES |
| FUENTES | YES |

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