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The California Natural Resources Agency, in efforts to ensure reliable water supply while also protecting the natural environment of the Bay Delta region in Northern California, is proposing a \$15 Billion dollar project to fix the State's primary water delivery system. According to the California WaterFix website, this project would "be paid for by the public water agencies that rely on the supply."

The magnitude of this project, and the potential for costs to be passed down through these water agencies and ultimately to ratepayers and taxpayers, warrant a thorough discussion of the proposal and its various elements.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Water and Power be instructed to report with an overview of the Bay Delta Conservation Project, including a history and comparison of the various alternatives considered, and why Alternative 4A, known as the California WaterFix was identified as the Preferred Alternative. This report should also include a review of the proposed project within the context of the Mayor's Sustainable City pLAN and the goals to reduce imported water and source 50% of our water locally by 2035.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Water and Power provide a summary of activities and actions to date taken by the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) related to this project, any anticipated schedules for this proposal to be further discussed or considered by the Metropolitan Water District, and whether member agencies of MWD would benefit from additional time to further review and understand the proposal.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Office of Public Accountability / Ratepayer Advocate prepare a report analyzing the projected costs, proposed funding and financing structures and mechanisms, and any financial impact the California WaterFix may have on ratepayers in Los Angeles.

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