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**Response to the Carson Sewage Incident and Coordination with the Los Angeles
County Sanitation Districts**

The largest sewage spill in the history of the Los Angeles County (County) Sanitation Districts' dumped eight and a half million gallons of untreated sewage into County waterways on December 30, 2021. The spill occurred after a concrete pipe collapsed in Carson, but the cause of the collapse and reasons for a spill of this magnitude are still unknown.

While the last week brought heavy rain across the State, County residents expect its infrastructure to remain resilient even in the midst of extreme unpredictable weather events related to climate change. An urgent and coordinated response is essential, especially considering that the sewage spill occurred near the same communities that have been impacted by the Dominguez Channel odor emergency over the last three months.

As we work to hold the County Sanitation Districts accountable to respond and investigate the cause of this spillage and adapt their infrastructure to handle increasing unpredictability, County Departments must continue to coordinate to ensure the safest possible outcomes for our residents.

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WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (BOARD):

1. Instruct the Directors of the Department of Public Works (DPW), Department of Public Health (DPH), and Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to support the Sanitation Districts in their investigation into the exact cause of the recent sewer infrastructure failure, along with their efforts to report on the status of the health and environmental impacts of the discharge, and the necessary steps taken or that will be taken or proposed to be taken to mitigate them.
2. Instruct DPW, DPH, and OEM to report back with initial findings at the January 25, 2022 Board meeting alongside the County Sanitation Districts and report back in writing to the Board with their final findings within 60 days.
3. Instruct the Director of DPW to continue to monitor dissolved oxygen levels within the Dominguez Channel to ensure that ongoing treatment of the spill does not impact recovery efforts within the Dominguez Channel related to the odor emergency and provide weekly written reports to the Board on the dissolved oxygen levels at established monitoring locations along the Dominguez Channel.

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