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Report to Mayor and City Council

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Consent

SUBJECT:

CONSIDER AN UPDATE ON THE MOTION APPROVED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGARDING THE SEWER SPILL IN CARSON (CITY COUNCIL)

I. SUMMARY

This item transmits an informational update to the City Council and the Carson community regarding a motion that was approved unanimously by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (the “BOS”) regarding the Los Angeles County Sanitation District sewer spill that occurred in Carson on December 30, 2021.

The BOS adopted a motion introduced by Supervisors Mitchell and Hahn at its January 11 Meeting to call for an investigation into the sewer spill as follows:

“Instruct the Directors of Public Works, Public Health and the Director of the Office of Emergency Management 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; report back to the Board with initial findings at the January 25, 2022 Board meeting alongside the County Sanitation Districts and report back to the Board in writing with their final findings within 60

days; and instruct the Director of Public Works 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.”

City staff will continue to follow the updates on the sewer spill repair and update the City Council and the Carson community.

II. RECOMMENDATION

RECEIVE and FILE this informational update.

III. ALTERNATIVES

TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate and that is consistent with applicable laws.

IV. BACKGROUND

As stated in the Motion introduced on January 11, 2022 by Supervisors Mitchell and Hahn: 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.

Los Angeles County agencies are continuing to investigate the causes at the direction of the BOS.

Additional updates will be provided to the City Council as latest information becomes available. The full text of the Motion is included as Exhibit 1.

V. FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

VI. EXHIBITS

1. Motion Adopted on January 11, 2022 (pgs. 3 - 4)

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