



Date: December 10th, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Councilwoman Mary Zendejas, First Council District
Vice Mayor Cindy Allen, Second Council District
Councilmember Roberto Uranga, Seventh District

Subject: Presentation on Seasonal Flooding Preparedness

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to request the City Manager to work with the Department of Public Works on a Council presentation regarding our localized flooding management response plan, and report back to City Council in 45 days.

DISCUSSION

The City of Long Beach (City) typically experiences a rainy season between the winter months of November and March, with February being the month with the most days of rain alone. During the first week of February this year, Long Beach was impacted with nearly 10 inches of rain. Annually, the rainy season results in localized flooding, fallen tree limbs, debris and trash accumulation, facility leaks, water damage, and more.

Severe weather has been identified as one of the top threats to Long Beach. An emergency management system has been established to facilitate interdepartmental coordination to prioritize mitigation and ensure the safety of residents. The Department of Public Works plays a key role in this response plan as it addresses the uptick of cases for downed trees, clogged storm catch-basins, street sweeping status, malfunctioning traffic signals, and more. Further, the Department supports with executing the City's Stormwater Management Plan which includes the Long Beach Municipal Urban Stormwater (LB-MUST) Project located in the Willmore neighborhood of the First District. The department also deploys emergency crews operating pump stations and the Clean Team to impacted areas.

In preparation for the rainy season and the influx of constituent calls and emails council offices intake during that time, it is imperative for City Council to receive a presentation covering the

comprehensive response plan from the Department of Public Works.

FISCAL IMPACT

Due to staffing time constraint, no financial review was completed.

SUGGESTED ACTION

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Zendejas, Councilwoman, First District



Cindy Allen, Vice Mayor, Second District



Roberto Uranga, Councilmember, Seventh District