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**MOTION**

It was recently reported that the Southern California region could be facing "the perfect drought" given that the three primary water sources are particularly dry this year. The mountain snowpack which supports water imports from Northern California are at the lowest levels in two decades. The Los Angeles region has experienced record low rainfall as well, lowering local water reserves. Additionally, the Colorado River system continues to suffer from persistent drought conditions that began in the year 2000.

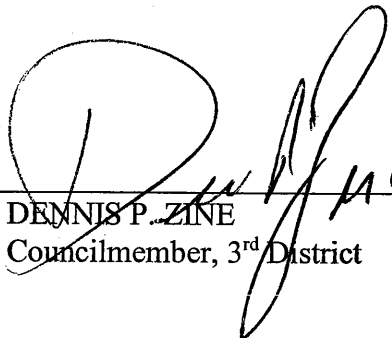
The conditions at our main water sources and the likelihood that the region may be impacted by "the perfect drought," focuses significant attention on our water management practices and local water conservation efforts. The local response to the "perfect drought" becomes even more challenging with the continued expansion of the City's population.

The City, therefore, should start taking emergency-oriented steps to prepare for this drought. Emergency steps should include significant reductions in water consumption by the public and private sector. More incentives should be provided to residents to make choices that conserve water such as the installation of low-flush toilets and the planting of drought-resistant plants. The City should evaluate all that it can do to conserve water in City operations. The City may consider incorporating a water waste reporting system in the 311 One Call to City Hall program.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Water and Power (DWP) report on emergency drought procedures and programs that can be implemented, in short order, to increase water conservation efforts and to maintain high water reserves.

I FURTHER MOVE that the DWP report on the steps that would be taken in the extreme situation of water shortages that would result in water use restrictions of non-essential water consumption in the public and private sector.

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