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LONG BEACH FOURTH DISTRICT**

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DATE: December 8, 2015

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Councilman Daryl Supernaw *[Signature]*
Vice Mayor Suja Lowenthal *[Signature]*
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Councilwoman Suzie Price *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: Citywide Emergency and Environmental Preparations for Expected El Niño Weather Conditions

INTRODUCTION:

According to climate experts at the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), as well as climatologists worldwide, severe weather conditions are expected to begin soon in the Southern California Region. NOAA's Deputy Director of the Climate Prediction Center, Mike Halpert, states, "A strong El Niño is in place and should exert a strong influence over our weather this winter."

According to a November 19, 2015 NOAA Bulletin: The current event is among the strongest on record and is forecast to persist into Spring 2016.

On November 10, 2015, the Long Beach Environmental Committee received a staff report from multi-departments on the City's preparedness for these expected severe weather conditions. The staff report detailed the City's multi-faceted approach to El Niño readiness.

RECOMMENDATION:

Due to the volume of credible climate data being gathered daily regarding the migration of El Niño weather patterns to the Southern California Region, the City Council requests the City Manager to provide an update on the City's emergency and environmental preparedness for the anticipated upcoming El Niño weather conditions.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact with the delivery of this report.