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Allowing for Immediate and Public Discussion on El Niño Response and Recovery Efforts

The very topographical features that contribute to the beauty, uniqueness and diversity of the County of Los Angeles (County) are the very features which provide challenges to keeping life and property safe. Recent heavy rainfall in the County has caused damage and strain to the public infrastructure and assets, as well as to privately and publicly-owned property. In addition, it is anticipated that some residents and businesses will become temporarily or permanently displaced, and great care and concern must be extended to those who are homeless. As the impact to the County associated with El Niño will be sizeable, and the County is experiencing only the beginning of what is predicted to be an unprecedented amount of rainfall, in both duration and in volume, the Board of Supervisors must be poised to receive information timely from County departments and other Federal, State, and non-profit entities, and hear these issues in a public setting so that residents and businesses in the County may have the opportunity to receive the same information.

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I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Authorize the Acting Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to add to an A-item as a standing item:

Discussion on the impact of rain storms, flooding, high-surf and swells, and any other weather-related or natural disaster event in Los Angeles County associated with El Niño, to include the County's preparedness and ability to coordinate response and recovery activities.

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