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This summer the Southland basin experienced unseasonal rains due to Hurricane Dolores. The storms caused flash flooding and mudslides that damaged public and private facilities, including a bridge collapse along a stretch of the 10 Freeway in Riverside County. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Climate Prediction Center, there is greater than a 90% chance that El Niño will hit this winter and around an 85% chance it will last into early spring. The NOAA also predicted that this El Niño could rival the intensity of the record 1997 event that wreaked weather-related havoc across the globe, causing 17 deaths and more than half a billion dollars in damage in California.

It is critical that the County assess its risks and vulnerabilities and prepare for emergency response. The County should also strategize on the best way to capture and reuse the vast amounts of stormwater that will otherwise flow down into sewers and concrete rivers to the sea.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors instruct the Interim Chief Executive Officer in coordination with the Department of Public Works, Los Angeles County Fire Department and the Office of Emergency Management to report back in 30

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days on the following:

- Report back on an outline of an emergency response program that includes all relevant County departments in preparing, responding and recovering from the predicted El Niño event

- Report back on the status of capacity at the County's flood-control facilities and on a plan for maximizing stormwater capture and retention.

- Report back on a fire preparedness and response plan since El Niño events can lead to wildfires

- Outline a comprehensive communication plan to keep the public and other agencies informed using multi-lingual One Voice Messaging

- Prepare a plan to capture and collect rain water during El Niño events

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