



REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON PREPARATION FOR EL NINO STORMS AND
CONSIDER BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR PREPARATION COSTS

With the El Nino storms predicted to bring above-average rainfall this winter, staff has been proactively preparing the City's infrastructure for these potentially severe rain events. Staff will present an outline of the multitude of things that have been done to date, and offer helpful tips and direction for the City's residents and businesses on how to best prepare their private properties to deal with expected storms.

Staff will also be requesting an increase in the approved Public Works-Special Projects budget (General Fund account number 010-4505-5520.03) for the Public Works Department of \$150,000, which covers activities done to date, as well as things scheduled to be completed in the immediate future. Such things include, but are not limited to, purchasing of sand bags, massive cleaning, clearing, and grubbing of key drainage facilities, analyzing the hydraulic capacity of various creek segments, and the launching of a large notification effort to the public.

Budgetarily, the City's General Fund will remain balanced if the Council approves these expenditures.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends:

- (1) Discuss the El Nino preparation activities to date, and provide feedback on current efforts, and
- (2) Approve budget adjustment of \$150,000 increase for General Fund account number 010-4505-5520.03, Public Works Special Projects, to cover costs of preparation efforts.