

MOTION

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

On December 5, 2017, the Creek Fire burned an excess of 6,500 acres of the Sylmar community, including parts of the Lopez Canyon Environmental Center (LCEC). Some of the damage that the LCEC sustained was to a water supply pipe and a control conduit, each measuring 2,500 feet in length.

The LCEC water line supplies water to its 3-Megawatt power plant, water for post closure maintenance of the landfill, and industrial water for employee restrooms, dust control, and a compost mulching facility.

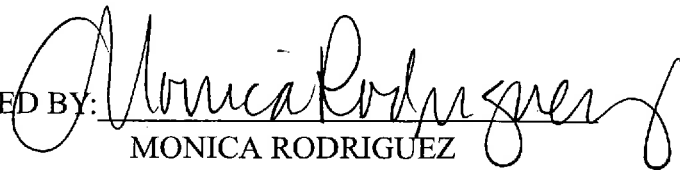
Importantly, the water line supports a Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) helicopter water fill station used for fighting fires in the North East San Fernando Valley. Its repair is urgently needed; without it, no water will be available to supply the fill station and power plant protection systems.

The start of the wild fire season is a few months away. In order to complete repair work for the fire season, and ensure LAFD access to a reliable water source for its helicopter operations, emergency repair of the water line needs to commence within the next 30 calendar days.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Council find and declare that the immediate construction and repair of the LCEC water line is of urgent necessity for the preservation of life, health or property; and that these repairs are both time-sensitive and necessary to ensure sufficient water supply for the LAFD helicopter water fill station and power plant protection systems.

I FURTHER MOVE that Board of Public Works authorize LA Sanitation to repair the Lopez Canyon water line, in accordance with City Charter Section 371 (e) 5, for the construction of the main water line before the start of the fire season to ensure public safety and local emergency response.

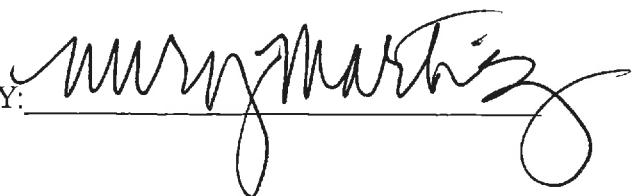
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