

MOTION

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

On Monday, March 16, 2015, thousands of gallons of water gushed down Eagle Vista and Hill drives in Eagle Rock, entering the stormdrain system and ultimately pouring into the ocean.

The Department of Water and Power (DWP) confirmed that the water was being intentionally drained from a water main that needed to be fixed as part of planned improvements to the Eagle Rock Reservoir. The DWP reported that approximately 70,000 gallons of water were drained from the corroded pipe, a portion of which was ultimately captured by DWP for reuse in response to complaints by the public and the Council office.

Residents concerned about water waste attempted to recapture it in buckets to irrigate their lawns and wash their cars. Over the past few years, in response to persistent drought conditions, which threaten the stability of the City's water supply, the City has administered emergency water conservation measures and widely promoted a conservation ethic.

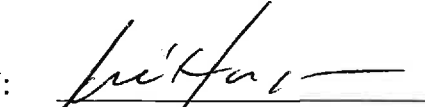
The DWP's practice of releasing water into the stormdrain system is an apparent contradiction to the City's prioritization of water conservation. It is essential that water waste be avoided and that the DWP address this practice immediately.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Water and Power (DWP) be requested to immediately report to the City Council regarding its standard maintenance and upgrade procedures which require draining water; and its methods to reduce water waste during these procedures.

I FURTHER MOVE that the DWP be requested to report on establishing a policy to capture and reuse water that must be drained during planned maintenance events.


I FURTHER MOVE that the DWP be requested to report on strategies for conservation and reuse of otherwise unused non-revenue water to augment the City's water supply.

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