



Board of Trustees

Los Angeles Community College District

ACTION

Com. No. BT4

Division Board of Trustees

Date: December 9, 2015

Subject: **RESOLUTION – EL NIÑO PREPAREDNESS THROUGHOUT THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

The following resolution is presented by Board Members Svonkin, Eng, and Moreno:

WHEREAS, According to meteorologists and oceanographers, there has been a warming of the central and eastern area of the equatorial Pacific Ocean known as El Niño; and

WHEREAS, In past years, the warming of the Pacific Ocean in this region has been linked to massive winter storms affecting the Southern California region; and

WHEREAS, The National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is predicting there is a 90 percent chance that it will be wetter than normal throughout the Southern California region beginning in the winter of 2015 and lasting through early spring of 2016; and

WHEREAS, Significant rainfall and flooding has the potential to create hazardous situations; and

WHEREAS, In keeping with the Board of Trustees' commitment to providing a safe educational learning environment; be it

RESOLVED, That the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) endeavors to ensure that all colleges have taken necessary steps to minimize the effects of these potential storms and the Board of Trustees of the LACCD does hereby recommend that the following steps be taken:

1. All storm drains and the areas around the drains be kept clear of trash and debris that could potentially clog the drains.
2. All rain gutters, downspouts, and roof drains be kept clear of leaves and debris and properly maintained so they will function correctly during a rain event.
3. Potential water intrusion areas be identified and steps be taken to have the necessary supplies, including sandbags, on hand to prevent water from entering the buildings.
4. Routine inspections be performed throughout the rainy season to look for clogged drains, standing water at the perimeter of buildings, and potential safety concerns resulting from the instability of trees or broken branches.
5. Sufficient supplies are available on site to manage a potential water intrusion event.

Chancellor and Secretary of the Board of Trustees

By _____ Date _____

Eng _____	Moreno _____
Fong _____	Pearlman _____
Hoffman _____	Svonkin _____
Kamlager _____	Anderson _____ Student Trustee Advisory Vote