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RE: EL NIÑO PREPARATIONS FOR HILLSIDE PROPERTY OWNERS

Dear Hillside Property Owner:

According to the Climate Prediction Center of the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, there is a greater than 95% chance of a strong El Niño lasting through the 2015/16 winter season. The City of Culver City (City) has formed a plan that guides the community on how to prepare for the potential severe rain storms caused by the El Niño in addition to outlining the City’s strategy in response to storms (the “Plan”). To view the Plan, visit www.culvercity.org/elniño.

As a hillside property owner, you are responsible for maintaining your slope’s stability to minimize erosion that could lead to landslides and mudflows. The City recommends the following: (1) explore ways of directing water drainage from roofs, decks, paved and other areas of your property away from slopes and toward the street; (2) visually inspect all drains that flow to the street to make sure they are clear of debris, are structurally sound and are functioning well; (3) visually inspect all sloped areas on your property for signs of gulying, surface cracks, slumping etc.; and (4) visually inspect patios, retaining walls, garden walls, etc. for signs of cracking or rotation. Such signs identified above might be indications of slope movement. If you notice any problems, it would be prudent to have the site inspected by a licensed geotechnical engineer. If you determine you need to hire a licensed geotechnical engineer to inspect your property, the back of this letter contains website links to lists of geotechnical firms for your information.

Property owners subject to flooding or landslides may obtain free sand and sandbags at any time from Fire Station One located at 9600 Culver Boulevard. The sand and sandbags are stored next to the driveway/gate located on the north side of Irving Place. Used in conjunction with plastic sheeting, sandbags may reduce erosion and guide water and debris flows away from structures. To obtain instructions on the most effective manner to apply sandbags and plastic sheeting visit: <https://www.piersystem.com/external/content/document/2511/455983/1/STORM%20BOOKLET%202010.pdf>

Sincerely,

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Geotechnical Engineering Firms

The following links to lists of geotechnical firms are provided as a convenience to property owners seeking to hire a firm to inspect or perform improvements to their property. The firms on these lists have not been vetted by the City and the City does not endorse or guarantee the quality of the products and services these firms may provide. Property owners should complete their own due diligence process when evaluating and selecting a firm:

Thomasnet.com:

<http://www.thomasnet.com/southern-california/geotechnical-engineering-services-26205005-1.html>

The Yellow pages:

<http://www.yellowpages.com/los-angeles-ca/geotechnical-engineers>