



RESOLUTION

URGING THE FORMATION OF A JOINT FEDERAL-STATE-CITY TASK FORCE ON THE PREVENTION OF FLOODING AND REMEDIATION OF FLOOD DAMAGE LOSSES ON THE LEEWARD COAST.

WHEREAS, recent heavy rainfalls on Oahu have resulted in serious flooding and related damage to the leeward coast, including the emergence of major threats to public health and safety, such as flooding and damage at the Waimanalo Gulch landfill, and the discharge of unverifiable quantities of fugitive medical waste into the ocean and along leeward Oahu beaches; and

WHEREAS, the recent flooding also led to major individual personal property losses in the area, as well as business property damage; and

WHEREAS, the recent heavy rains and associated flooding have exposed the need for identifying effective and modern flood prevention measures; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it urges the Mayor to form a Joint Federal-State-City Task Force on the prevention of flooding and remediation of flood damage losses on the Leeward Coast; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force also include members from the military sector, including the Army and the Navy, major landowners, the Honolulu Board of Water Supply and other representatives from the Leeward Coast; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force is requested to identify, study, and formulate specific recommendations to prevent future flooding and related damage to Leeward Coast residential communities and businesses, and make public its findings and recommendations on a quarterly basis to the Ewa, Kapolei, Nanakuli, and Waianae Neighborhood Boards, and to the City Council's Committee on Safety, Economic Development and Government Affairs, with the first report being submitted within 90 days after adoption of this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Task Force meetings shall have all agendas posted and filed with the City Clerk at least six days in advance, be open to the public and accept public testimony on all agenda items, and maintain written minutes of all meetings of the Task Force; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, Managing Director, the Director of Emergency Management, the Director of the State Department of Health, the Governor, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the National Flood Insurance Program, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the federal Bureau of Land Management, the Honolulu Board of Water Supply, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu Engineering District, United States Navy Hawaii Region, United States Army Pacific, and the members of Hawaii's delegation to the Congress of the United States.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tom Berg

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

July 22, 2011
Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers