

#### Adopt-a-Drain Program

# **Public Works Department**

City Council Meeting December 8, 2015

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### **BACKGROUND**

- 4,800 storm drains within the City
- Maintenance important to:
  - Limit flooding
  - Prevent pollution
- Public can offer valuable support in preparing for El Niño



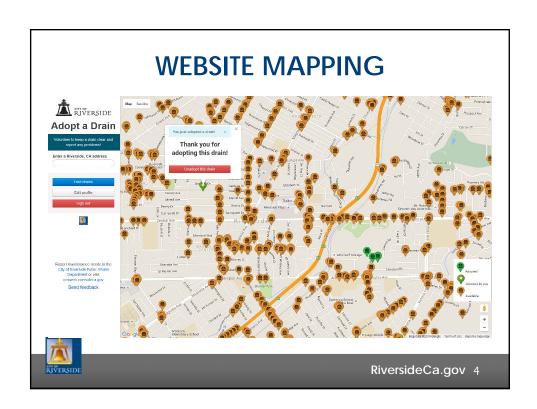


#### **ADOPT-A-DRAIN WEBSITE**

- Interactive website developed to allow residents to "Adopt-a-Drain" online
- Modeled after software developed by Open Oakland, volunteer programmers
- Open source software can be freely adapted for use by other municipalities







#### **ADOPT-A-DRAIN STEPS**

- Residents
  - Select drain to adopt (online)
  - Remove palm fronds and other debris from opening
  - Report drains needing more extensive cleaning through 311
  - Report their accomplishments through 311
- City
  - Provides toolkit with safety vest, gloves and rake





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# **PROMOTION**

- Press release
- Social media
- Government television
- Possible utility bill insert





# **RECOMMENDATION**

That the City Council approve the Adopt-a-Drain Program allowing members of the community to adopt storm drains to assist in storm preparedness, public awareness and pollution prevention efforts.

