

**THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND CULTURE
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO**

**Councilmember David Alvarez, Chair
Councilmember Carl DeMaio, Vice Chair
Councilmember Sherri S. Lightner
Councilmember Lorie Zapf**

**ACTIONS FOR
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2012, AT 2:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE ROOM (12TH FLOOR),
CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
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All Committee members present.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: Kevin Swanson spoke regarding economic development of Balboa Park in 2015, 2016 and onward.

COMMITTEE COMMENT: Councilmember Lightner updated the committee regarding the Water Policy Task Force and that it should be considered at the April 10, 2012 City Council meeting. Additionally, she requested that the issue of conducting mitigation in contiguous watersheds be discussed by the committee.

CITY ATTORNEY, IBA, AND MAYORAL STAFF COMMENT: Almis Udrys from the Mayor's staff called the committee's attention to a March 19, 2012, memorandum from the Public Utilities Department following up on committee questions and comments regarding the rate case presentation at the February 29, 2012 NR&C Committee meeting. He also followed up in response to concerns raised by Mr. McDade at the February 1, 2012, NR&C Committee meeting regarding recycling rates and fees charged by the City in relation to the landfill. It is anticipated that a strategic plan will be brought forward to NR&C in the fall addressing the variety of funds, revenue sources and options to address this issue.

Seth Gates from the IBA's staff commented that the IBA had begun reviewing the March 19, 2012, memorandum from the Public Utilities. If the IBA finds there are items of note or concern they will raise those issues with the committee. He noted that one item of concern is the status of any potential audit of the last rate case prior to the implementation of a new rate case and requested a status update from the Mayor's office.

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ADOPTION AGENDA

Approval of the Record of Action Items for February 29, 2012

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Lightner, second by Chair Alvarez, to approve.

VOTE: 3-0; Alvarez-yea, Lightner-yea, Zapf-yea, DeMaio-not present

CONSENT ITEMS

ITEM-1: Reports from the PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT regarding:
A. [Authorization to Award the Water Department Security Upgrades Design-Build Contract](#)
B. [College Ranch Hydro Pump Station](#)
C. [North Crown Point Comfort Station](#)

ITEM-2: [Report from the Public Utilities Department](#) regarding Caltrans – I-15 AND HILLERY DRIVE PIPELINE RELOCATION

ITEM-3: [Report from the Public Utilities Department](#) regarding AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A LOW-INTEREST LOAN FOR METROPOLITAN BIOSOLIDS CENTER DEWATERING CENTRIFUGES REPLACEMENT [PowerPoint](#)

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Zapf, second by Councilmember Lightner, to approve Items 1, 2, and 3.

VOTE: 4-0; Alvarez-yea, DeMaio-yea, Lightner-yea, Zapf-yea

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

ITEM-4: [Report from the Environmental Services Department](#) regarding ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT (EECBG) ACTIONS [PowerPoint](#)

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Lightner, second by Councilmember Zapf, to approve staff recommendation.

VOTE: 4-0; Alvarez-yea, DeMaio-yea, Lightner-yea, Zapf-yea

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ITEM-5: [Update from the Public Utilities Department](#) regarding ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE (AMI) [PowerPoint](#)

ACTION: No action taken.

ITEM-6: [Report from the Public Utilities Department](#) regarding MWD RATE INCREASE PROPOSAL [PowerPoint](#)

ACTION: The Committee requested the City Attorney to outline the appropriate method of requesting that the Attorney General investigate potential Brown Act violations by MWD.

ITEM-7: Report from the Public Utilities Department regarding COST OF SERVICE STUDY CONSULTANT SELECTION UPDATE

ACTION: No action taken.

ITEM-8: Update from the Public Utilities Department regarding the SMART WATER SYSTEMS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY PILOT PROJECT [PowerPoint](#)

ACTION: No action taken.

ITEM-9: [Report from the Public Utilities Department](#) regarding Monthly Update on the INDIRECT POTABLE REUSE/RESERVOIR AUGMENTATION DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

ACTION: No action taken.

David Alvarez
Chair