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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 308906

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MAY 1 5 2014

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO SUPPORTING THE "PURE WATER SAN DIEGO" PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, nearly 80 percent of the City of San Diego's water supply is imported, and vulnerable to supply interruptions due to drought, natural disasters, and allocation reductions; and

WHEREAS, a safe, reliable water supply is fundamental to environmental protection, quality of life, and prosperity of San Diegans; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego continues to instill and promote a water conservation ethic among residents as a critical element of our overall water resource strategy; and

WHEREAS, in July 2012, by Resolution No. R-307585, the Council of the City of San Diego unanimously received the Recycled Water Study Report, which concludes that potable water reuse achieves favorable water costs, provides reliability and local control of the water supply, enhances environmental sustainability, improves water quality, empowers long-term cost control, and is supported by stakeholder representatives; and

WHEREAS, in April 2013, by Resolution No. R-308121, the City Council unanimously accepted the Water Purification Demonstration Project Report, which confirms a full-scale potable reuse project is feasible; and

WHEREAS, the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant operates under a federal modified National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit which expires July 31, 2015, and the permitting agencies will likely require the City of San Diego to commit to expedited, specific, enforceable, and realistically implementable timetables and milestones to

assure that discharges will comply with the secondary treatment requirements of the Clean Water Act, or is on a defined path to assure such compliance; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, the Federal District Court for the Southern District of California determined that upgrading the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant to secondary treatment level would not be in the public interest, being excessively costly without producing additional environmental benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant currently meets all the requirements of secondary treatment except for the removal of total suspended solids and biological oxygen demand; and

WHEREAS, instead of converting the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant to a secondary treatment plant, the City can achieve equivalent results by offloading wastewater flow from the Plant to other existing and new facilities (secondary equivalency); and

WHEREAS, implementation of a comprehensive potable reuse program is the most costeffective solution to create a new, safe and reliable water source which can simultaneously provide certainty for long-term compliance with federal discharge standards at the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that the City Council approves and supports the City's efforts to develop an implementation strategy to accomplish secondary equivalency at the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant through implementation of potable reuse, known as the "Pure Water San Diego" program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the implementation strategy should include, but not be limited to, planning and preliminary design of facilities, engaging key regulatory agencies to develop a modified NPDES permit renewal application which secures long-term compliance

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with discharge standards at the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant through potable reuse and secondary equivalency, developing a legislative strategy to authorize secondary equivalency under the Clean Water Act, and establishing a financing plan and cost-sharing principles with other public agencies that use the City's wastewater system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council approves and supports the City's efforts to develop the budget, structure, staffing, contracts, regulatory packages, legislative strategy, and public outreach programs necessary to support Pure Water San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor or his designee is directed to present a report on the status of the Pure Water San Diego implementation strategy at a meeting of the City Council prior to the City's submission of the modified NPDES permit renewal application in January 2015.

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