

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 310098

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE DEC 02 2015

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SAN DIEGO ADOPTING FINDINGS IN SUPPORT OF THE
STATUTORY EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT RELATED TO THE
ADJUSTMENT OF WATER RATES.

WHEREAS, the Public Utilities Department prepared and submitted Report to Council No. 15--077 REV. , indicating that effective on January 1, 2016, the San Diego County Water Authority will increase its rates for wholesale water purchases to all its participating agencies, including the City of San Diego (City); and

WHEREAS, the Report to Council describes in detail the basis and reasons for implementing water rate adjustments; and

WHEREAS, for potable water rates, the Public Utilities Department (Department) has prepared a 2015 update to the 2013 Cost of Service Study (Updated COSS) to produce a five year rate case, which addresses the current cost to produce and distribute recycled water, the increased cost of purchased water due to the San Diego County Water Authority (CWA) rate increases (which includes the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) rate increases and completion of the Carlsbad Desalination Plant), the initial phase of the City's Pure Water program, replacement of aging infrastructure, investments in system efficiency, drought response, the State conservation mandate and recovery of required reserve levels; and

WHEREAS, for recycled water rates, a Peer Review of the 2013 Recycled Water Pricing Study (Pricing Study) Report has been completed by Black & Veatch consultants; NOW,
THEREFORE,

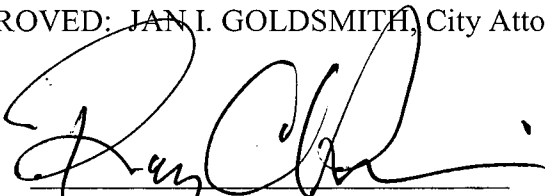
BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, as follows:

1. That the five year rate case will allow the City to maintain financial stability and be consistent with the City's Updated COSS and Pricing Study, which addresses the current cost to produce and distribute recycled water, the increased cost of purchased water due to the San Diego County Water Authority (CWA) rate increases (which includes the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) rate increases and completion of the Carlsbad Desalination Plant), the initial phase of the City's Pure Water Program, replacement of aging infrastructure, investments in system efficiency, drought response, the State conservation mandate and recovery of required reserve levels;

1. That based on the foregoing findings, the Council of the City of San Diego finds that the water rate increases approved pursuant to Resolution Number R- 310097 are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15060(c)(3) and 15378(b)(4), (5) because this activity is an organizational or administrative activity of a government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

APPROVED: JANI I. GOLDSMITH, City Attorney

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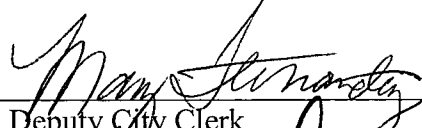


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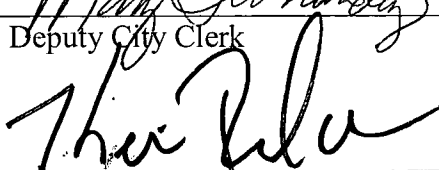
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I certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of NOV 17 2015.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 11/30/15
(date)


KEVIN L. FAULCONER, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

KEVIN L. FAULCONER, Mayor

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on NOV 17 2015, by the following vote:

Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused
Sherri Lightner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lorie Zapf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Todd Gloria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Myrtle Cole	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mark Kersey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chris Cate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scott Sherman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
David Alvarez	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marti Emerald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date of final passage DEC 02 2015

(Please note: When a resolution is approved by the Mayor, the date of final passage is the date the approved resolution was returned to the Office of the City Clerk.)

AUTHENTICATED BY:

KEVIN L. FAULCONER
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

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By *Mary Hernandez*, Deputy

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