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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 311180

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE JUN 1 3 2017

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO DIRECTING THE INDEPENDENT BUDGET ANALYST TO INCLUDE AS A CITY COUNCIL BUDGET PRIORITY, THE HIRING OF A CONSULTANT TO ADVISE THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE INDEPENDENT RATES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON WATER AND WASTEWATER COST OF SERVICE STUDIES AND RATE DESIGNS.

WHEREAS, the Office of the Independent Budget Analyst (IBA) issued Report
No. 17-06 on February 9, 2017, reviewing a proposal from the Utility Consumers' Action
Network for the City of San Diego (City) to hire a consultant to advise the Council of the City of
San Diego (City Council) and the Independent Rates Oversight Committee on activities of the
Public Utilities Department that affect utility rates; and

WHEREAS, in its report, the IBA recommends hiring a consultant on an as-needed basis, working under the direction of the IBA, to review water and wastewater cost of service studies and rate designs prepared by the Public Utilities Department, and

WHEREAS, the Environment Committee approved the IBA's recommendation at its meeting of February 16, 2017, and recommended the City Council consider a resolution of intention to engage an as-needed consultant to review the water and wastewater cost of service studies and rate designs, under the direction of the IBA and funded by the Water and Sewer Funds, as the City brings forward the next cost of service studies anticipated to occur before Fiscal Year 2021, and

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WHEREAS, the City Council expects the consultant's tasks to include reviewing the

Public Utilities Department's rate reform analysis, and the assumptions, estimates and forecasts

used to determine the Public Utilities Department's operational and capital needs in advance of

the next cost of service studies, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to San Diego Charter Sections 280(a)(1) and 295(b), this resolution

is exclusively within the purview of the City Council and may be passed by the City Council on

the date of introduction, which date shall be deemed the date of final passage, and is not subject

to veto by the Mayor; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of San Diego, that the IBA is

directed to include the engagement of an as-needed consultant to review the water and

wastewater cost of service studies and rate designs, under the direction of the IBA and funded by

the Water and Sewer Funds, in the report on City Council budget priorities presented to the

Mayor as part of the budget process, for the fiscal year when the City anticipates bringing

forward the next cost of service studies.

APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney

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Deputy City Attorney

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April 28, 2017

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