



CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
COUNCILMEMBER SHERRI S. LIGHTNER  
DISTRICT ONE

**REPORT TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND CULTURE COMMITTEE**

DATE: February 1, 2012

TO: Natural Resources and Culture Committee Members

FROM: Councilmember Sherri S. Lightner

SUBJECT: Comprehensive Water Policy Implementation Task Force

**SUMMARY:**

This action requests approval to form a Charter section 43(b) citizens' committee to advise on implementation of Council Policy 400-15 (CP 400-15), "Comprehensive Policy for a Sustainable Water Supply in San Diego." This committee shall be called the Comprehensive Water Policy Implementation Task Force (Task Force).

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

Approve this report and direct the City Attorney to draft a resolution forming the Task Force for City Council consideration.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF ITEM BACKGROUND:**

On October 17, 2011, the City Council approved CP 400-15, "Comprehensive Policy for a Sustainable Water Supply." CP 400-15 replaced existing Council Policies related to water supply, water conservation and water reclamation.

As part of the approval of CP 400-15, there was a referral to the Natural Resources and Culture Committee (NR&C) to docket the question of whether and how to form a Task Force to develop an implementation plan for CP 400-15. The Task Force will be developed through an appointment process by the City Council and will be structured to include a balance of backgrounds and interests related to water sustainability in San Diego.

This report outlines a proposed process and structure to develop the Task Force based on input from the City Council during the October 17, 2011 approval of CP 400-15.

Upon approval of today's requested actions, the City Attorney will draft a resolution to form the Task Force for City Council consideration. When that resolution is approved by the City Council, the Mayor and Councilmembers will be asked to submit appointment nominations to the Chair of NR&C. The Chair of

NR&C shall then develop a slate of appointments, based on Mayoral and Council nominations. A second resolution shall then be docketed at City Council to approve final appointments to the Task Force based on the NR&C Chair recommendations.

The Task Force shall be comprised of 11 members from the following backgrounds, representing a comprehensive group of stakeholders with interests in developing a sustainable water supply in San Diego:

1. environmental advocacy
2. business and economic development
3. water technology and hydrology
4. hospitals and healthcare
5. water supply and climate research
6. ratepayer advocacy
7. biotechnology and life sciences
8. building and facilities industry
9. landscaping industry
10. water law
11. hotels, restaurants and tourism

Designated City Council, Public Utilities Department (PUD), Independent Budget Analyst and City Attorney staff shall act as advisors to the Task Force.

The Task Force shall create an implementation plan for Council Policy 400-15, with recommendations of priorities, goals and timelines, and performance measures of specific actions that the City Council should take to implement the policies established in 400-15.

The Task Force shall have a termination date of 1 year beyond the date of the first meeting, unless the City Council chooses to extend the time of authority by resolution. The Task Force shall consult with PUD and County Water Authority as-needed, and report to the Independent Rates Oversight Committee (IROC) and NR&C quarterly, with policy implementation goals and timelines for the City Council to consider. A final report shall be presented to IROC, NR&C and the City Council at the end of the 1 year period.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS: N/A

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CONTRACTING IF (APPLICABLE): N/A

PREVIOUS COUNCIL and/or COMMITTEE ACTION:  
CP 400-15 was approved by the City Council on October 17, 2011.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS:  
Over 25 stakeholder groups were consulted prior to approval of CP 400-15. This Task Force is designed to continue that stakeholder participation.

KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND PROJECTED IMPACTS:  
All customers of the City's Public Utilities Department and surrounding water districts.