



**CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
WATER POLICY IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE**

**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: November 15, 2012  
TO: Councilmember David Alvarez, Chair, Natural Resources & Culture Committee  
FROM: Cary Lowe, Chair, Water Policy Implementation Task Force  
SUBJECT: Water Policy Implementation Task Force Schedule

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Background

The Water Policy Implementation Task Force wishes to clarify its operating schedule, in order to meet the expectations of the Natural Resources & Culture Committee while ensuring sufficient time to complete the Task Force's work in an effective manner.

The Task Force was established by the City Council, at the recommendation of your Committee, on May 22, 2012. The eleven members identified in the City Council's Resolution were appointed for terms expiring June 21, 2013. It was the uniform understanding of the members that the Task Force would have until that date to formulate and deliver its recommendations. Since then, we have been informed that our report will need to be reviewed by the City Attorney's Office and the Independent Rate Oversight Committee, and that we may need to revise the report based on comments received from those agencies. That, in turn, may require additional time, beyond the appointed term of the Task Force members.

The Task Force has been meeting on a monthly basis for three-hour sessions, and has made substantial progress toward satisfying its mandate from the City Council. We have established Working Groups, focused on specific issue areas, which are convening between Task Force meetings, and we are adopting recommendations from those Working Groups at each Task Force meeting. Based on our current schedule, which is as aggressive as we realistically can make it, we expect to produce a comprehensive report no later than May 2013. In the meantime, we will continue to provide your Committee with regular updates on our progress.

Request

The Task Force requests confirmation from your Committee that (i) production of a report by May 2013 will satisfy the City Council's expectations, and (ii) in the event that the Task Force report needs to be revised based on comments from other city agencies, the Committee will recommend to the City Council that the terms of Task Force members be extended to allow such revision and final adoption of our report.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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cc: Honorable Mayor  
Honorable Councilmembers  
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