



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: July 29, 2013

TO: Honorable Councilmember David Alvarez, Chair, Natural Resources & Culture Committee

FROM: Marsi A. Steirer, Deputy Director, Public Utilities Department, Long-Range Planning and Water Resources Division

SUBJECT: 2012 Long-Range Water Resources Plan – Alternative Recommendation

We would like to request that an alternative motion be added to the adoption of Council Action - Resolutions R-2014-11 and R-2014-12 (attached) to adopt the Final Draft of the 2012 Long-Range Water Resources Plan (LRWRP).

The LRWRP has been a lengthy process that utilized various studies, including the Recycled Water Study and the Demonstration Project Report, to identify water resource options that were included in the report. The LRWRP report was finalized earlier this calendar year, and it contains the following implementation recommendation:

Near Term Actions (2013 – 2020):

Additional Active Conservation - 20,900 Acre-Feet a Year (AFY)/ 18.7 million gallons a day (mgd)

Rainwater Harvesting – 420 AFY/ .38 mgd

Groundwater Supply – up to 4,000 AFY/ 3.57 mgd

Indirect Potable Reuse (IPR) – 16,800 AFY/ 15 mgd

Long-Term Measures (if warranted) 2020- 2035

Indirect Potable Reuse Phases 2 & 3 –76,160 AFY/ 68 mgd

Additional groundwater – 10,000 AFY/ 8.93 mgd

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Given the length of time necessary to plan, design and construct Potable Reuse facilities, combined with the City Council direction on April 23, 2013 to determine a preferred implementation plan and schedule that considers potable reuse options for maximizing local water supply and reduces flows to Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant, the Public Utilities Department is recommending the City Council consider an alternative motion that would grant planning level approval to pursuing all three Phases of IPR. This motion contains the same water resource options listed above under "Near Term Actions," although it increases the amount of IPR from 15 to 83 mgd.

Alternative Motion for the 2012 LRWRP:

Additional Active Conservation - 20,900 Acre-Feet a Year/ 18.7 mgd

Rainwater Harvesting – 420 AFY/ .38 mgd

Groundwater Supply – up to 4,000 AFY/ 3.57 mgd

Indirect Potable Reuse (IPR) – 92,960 AFY / 83 mgd (for all 3 phases)

Should the City Council vote to approve the proposed Alternative Motion, the final 2012 LRWRP document will be modified to reflect this action.

Should you have any questions or concerns, I can be reached at (619) 533-4112, or by email at msteirer@sandiego.gov.



Marsi A. Steirer
Deputy Director

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cc: Honorable NR&C Committee members
Honorable City Attorney Jan Goldsmith

Attachments: 1. Resolution R-2014-11
2. Resolution R-2014-12

(R-2014-11)
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RESOLUTION NUMBER R-_____

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF SAN DIEGO ADOPTING THE 2012 LONG-RANGE
WATER RESOURCES PLAN FINAL DRAFT REPORT

WHEREAS, in accordance with state regulations and City policies, the Council by Resolution No. R-289102 in August 1997 approved the City's strategic plan for water supply, and by Resolution No. R-297484 in December 2002 approved the 2002 Long-Range Water Resources Plan (LRWRP); and

WHEREAS, in March 2009 by Resolution No. R0394714, the Council authorized the preparation of the LRWRP for 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Final Draft of the 2012 LRWRP has been prepared for adoption by the Council, as summarized in Report to the City Council No. 13-55 dated June 7, 2013;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that the Council adopts the Draft 2012 LRWRP dated June 2013, as set forth in the City of San Diego Public Utilities Department 2012 Long Range Water Resources Plan, Final Draft, on file with the City Clerk as Document No. RR-_____.

APPROVED: JAN I. GOLDSMITH, City Attorney

By _____
Raymond C. Palmucci
Deputy City Attorney

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego,
at its meeting of _____.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND, City Clerk

By _____
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: _____
(date)

BOB FILNER, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

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RESOLUTION NUMBER R-_____

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SAN DIEGO DETERMINING THAT APPROVAL OF
THE CITY'S LONG-RANGE WATER RESOURCES PLAN
FINAL DRAFT REPORT IS STATUTORILY EXEMPT FROM
THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15262.

WHEREAS, the Public Utilities Department has prepared for Council adoption the Final Draft Report for the 2012 Long-Range Water Resources Plan (LRWRP); and

WHEREAS, the California State Legislature, through the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code sections 21000-21177, has determined that CEQA does not apply to various types of projects listed therein; and

WHEREAS, CEQA section 21084 states that the CEQA Guidelines shall list those classes of projects which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which shall be exempt from CEQA; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to that authority, CEQA Guidelines sections 15260-15285 list the statutory exemptions promulgated by the California State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, after having considered the written record regarding the LRWRP as well as public comment, if any, the City Council has determined based on its independent judgment that CEQA Guidelines section 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies, covers the LRWRP;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that the Final Draft Report for the 2012 Long-Range Water Resources Plan – June 2013, is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15262.

APPROVED: JAN I. GOLDSMITH, City Attorney

By _____
Raymond C. Palmucci
Deputy City Attorney

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