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ATTENTION: Honorable Mayor and City Council

SUBJECT: Appointment of Utilities General Manager

SUMMARY

THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM ONLY. NO ACTION IS REQUIRED ON THE PART OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

I'm pleased to announce the appointment of Richard G. Mendes as Utilities General Manager effective October 22, 2001.

Mr. Mendes is currently the Deputy City Manager in Cincinnati, Ohio responsible for day-to-day operations of all city departments. He also has primary responsibility for regional issues, including regional transit. Prior to his current assignment he served as Director of Environmental Management which included water quality and wastewater issues.

Before moving to Cincinnati in 1992, he was a Deputy Commissioner of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, operator of the city's potable water supply and wastewater systems. Concurrently he served as Executive Director of the New York City Water Board, a state chartered independent body responsible for setting water and sewer rates for the City. The Board receives and manages annual revenues of approximately \$1 billion. Other career positions include Director, Office of Management Analysis for the United States Department of Health and Human Services, and Director of Graduate Studies in Public Administration at California State University, Stanislaus.

He received his BA from Wabash College in 1966. He also holds masters and doctorate degrees from Michigan State University. His Ph.D is in Political Science with special emphasis on statistics and quantitative analysis.

Mr. Mendes will be moving to San Diego with his wife Gale, a teacher, with occasional visits from their two children currently attending college in Ohio.

Respectfully submitted,

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City Manager