

Ordinance Fact Sheet

TO:

CITY COUNCIL

DATE: April 25, 2016

FROM:

CITY ATTORNEY

SUBJECT:

MANDATORY NON-POTABLE WATER USE ORDINANCE

TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA, CALIFORNIA ADDING CHAPTER 13.11 TO TITLE 13 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING A MANDATORY NON-POTABLE WATER USE ORDINANCE

PURPOSE OF ORDINANCE:

This ordinance establishes the policy of the City of Pasadena to require the use of Non-Potable Water for landscape irrigation and other non-potable uses whenever its use is economically justified, financially and technically feasible, and in accordance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations; and consistent with the preservation of public health, safety, welfare, and the environment.

REASONS WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED:

The City Council directed preparation of this ordinance at its meeting of February 22, 2016. The ordinance will allow the City to qualify for certain grants and to comply with state policy initiatives. Due to the unprecedented water crisis in California, the State Water Resources Control Board ("State Water Board") established a Recycled Water Policy which mandates increased use of recycled water in California by year 2030. To support this policy and prior to receiving state grants and loans, the State Water Board will require the City to adopt a Mandatory Non-Potable Water Use Ordinance.

PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED:

The Pasadena Water and Power Department will implement this ordinance.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There will not be an immediate fiscal impact as a result of this ordinance.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

On February 22, 2016, the City Council certified the Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") for the Pasadena Non-Potable Water Project ("Proposed Project"), adopted findings pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), approved the Proposed Project as described in the EIR, adopted the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and directed the City Attorney to draft a Mandatory Non-Potable Water Use ordinance in order to implement the Proposed Project.

Respectfully submitted,

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