

Agenda Report

December 18, 2000

TO: City Council
THROUGH: Deregulation Committee

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Adoption of the City of Pasadena's 2000 Urban Water Management Plan

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Hold a public hearing on December 18, 2000, to receive comments on the City of Pasadena's draft 2000 Urban Water Management Plan (Plan);
2. Adopt the City's Plan immediately following the public hearing and incorporating any changes the Council deems necessary; and
3. Declare the Plan to be categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the "Environmental Guidelines and Procedures for the City of Pasadena" pursuant to Section 15308 of the State CEQA Guidelines (actions by regulatory agencies for protection of the environment).

BACKGROUND

The Urban Water Management Planning Act (California Water Code, Sections 10610 through 10656) requires that every urban water supplier that provides water to more than 3,000 customers or supplying more than 3,000 acre-feet of water annually shall prepare and adopt an urban water management plan every five years. After adoption, the Plan will then be submitted to the State Department of Water Resources.

The Plan must contain information as listed in Water Code Sections 10631 through 10633. The required information includes an estimate of past, current, and projected water use; a description of conservation measures currently being practiced; a discussion of alternative conservation measures which would improve the efficiency of water use and a schedule for their implementation; and an assessment of the utility's ability to meet short-term supply deficiencies.

Section 10642 of the Water Code requires that prior to adoption of a plan, the urban water supplier shall make the Plan available for public inspection and shall hold a public hearing. Since the City of Pasadena is an "urban water supplier" under the meaning of the Urban Water Management Planning Act, the City Council must, therefore, adopt the Plan on behalf of the City after conducting the public hearing and incorporating into the Plan any changes the Council deems necessary.

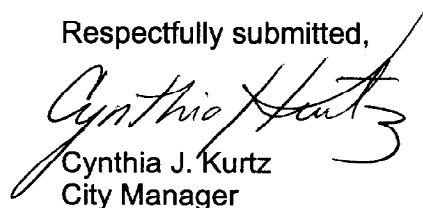
Notice of the time and place of the public hearing was published in the Pasadena Star News on December 4 and 11, 2000, as required by Section 10642 of the California Water Code. Copies of the draft plan have been made available for public inspection in the Water and Power Department since December 4, 2000.

The City's 2000 Urban Water Management Plan is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act and the "Environmental Guidelines and Procedures for the City of Pasadena" as a Class 8 exemption (Section 15308 of the State CEQA Guidelines) an action by a regulatory agency for the protection of the environment.

FISCAL IMPACT

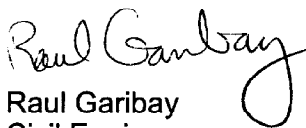
Adoption of the Plan will have no direct fiscal impact on the City. There are fiscal impacts for the various measures described in the Plan but they cannot be accurately assessed at this time. They will be assessed before the measures are implemented.

Respectfully submitted,



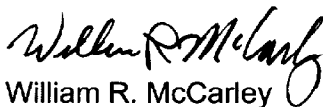
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