

Section H: Project Report Approval

The Water Purification Demonstration Project Final Report was completed in March 2013. The 129 page report with multiple appendices was made available to the public online and on compact disc. For those without access to the internet, a printed copy was made available for review by appointment in city offices.

The Final Report was presented to the Natural Resources and Culture (NR&C) Committee on March 20, 2013. The audience included a number of supporters including members of the Independent Advisory Panel and the Water Reliability Coalition. Representatives from both organizations provided comments to the four-person committee. No opposition was present.

A motion was made to accept the Final Report with the following steps outlined in the Water Reliability Coalition's recommendations:

- Accept the Water Purification Demonstration Project final project report;
- Direct staff to return with a preferred plan for a full-scale project that maximizes water supply and potentially reduces the need for upgrades at Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant, with an aggressive schedule for implementation;
- Determine local resource funding policy (as described on page 16 of staff report);
- Determine contracting mode;
- Develop a financing plan;
- Monitor development of direct potable reuse regulations; and
- Report back on the progress of each the above items within 90 days of City Council hearing.

Direct staff to bring forward to the City Council preferred plans for both indirect potable reuse and direct potable reuse systems.

The Committee voted unanimously to move the item to full Council for their consideration.

The NR&C Committee received written comments from a citizen regarding the San Vicente Reservoir Study. The Public Utilities Department provided a written response to these comments and the item is considered closed.

Following the NR&C meeting, a series of "results driven" presentations on the Demonstration Project were given to various organizations, including:

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- Conservation Action Committee April 8, 2013
 - Independent Rates Oversight Committee April 15, 2013
 - Building Owners & Managers Association April 15, 2013
 - County Water Authority Member Agency Managers' Meeting April 16, 2013

The Final Report was presented at the April 23, 2013, City Council meeting. Stakeholders representing the Water Reliability Coalition and the Independent Advisory Panel spoke in favor of the report.

The Final Report was well received by Council and a motion was made by Councilmember Alvarez and seconded by Councilmember Faulconer to adopt staff's recommendation with direction to join the Direct Potable Reuse Initiative. Council unanimously voted to adopt the Water Purification Demonstration Project Report (Resolution R-308121) as a fulfillment of the Demonstration Project elements outlined in Resolutions R-303095 and R-304434 (Appendix I).

Project outreach continues throughout the city with presentations focused on Demonstration Project results.