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Delegation Headed to Sacramento *Lightner, Emerald and Cole to Advocate for Water and Economic Development for San Diego*

SAN DIEGO --- San Diego City Council President Sherri Lightner, Council President Pro Tem Marti Emerald, Councilmember Myrtle Cole and Andrea Tevlin, the City's Independent Budget Analyst, travel to Sacramento this week to discuss important issues involving water and economic development affecting San Diego. The delegation is a proactive effort to advocate for the City of San Diego's top priorities and issues related to the State's drought regulations, the City's Pure Water program, and initiatives supporting local businesses.

"San Diego has been a leader in water self-sufficiency and conservation over the last decade," stated Council President Lightner. "I'm looking forward to discussing the equity of drought mandates and ensuring the region gets the credit and benefit from creating new local supplies."

The delegation will address San Diego's water issues such as self-sufficiency, conservation and infrastructure projects in meetings with staff from the Governor's office, the California Natural Resources Agency and the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA). Councilmembers will also meet with the Director of the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) to discuss how legislators in Sacramento can support advocacy for local San Diego start-ups, tax credits, job creation and general engagement and support for the San Diego region.

"I'm honored to be joined by my colleagues, Council President Lightner and Councilmember Cole, on this trip to Sacramento," Said Emerald. "I look forward to productive meetings with key decision makers on critical issues facing our city, particularly on issues regarding water conservation/infrastructure and economic development."

"As Chair of the Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, I am making this trip to engage our state legislators to pursue an aggressive legislative agenda to improve the quality of life in the city of San Diego. This means, advocating to expand and retain businesses to create a strong local economy and quality jobs," said Cole.

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