



# COUNCILMEMBER SHERRI S. LIGHTNER

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## Press Release

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### **Lightner Calls for a Comprehensive Water Policy for San Diego**

San Diego ---Councilmember Sherri Lightner today called for City Council to develop a comprehensive policy for a sustainable water supply in San Diego.

**“San Diego’s economy and quality of life depend on a reliable and relatively inexpensive supply of water. The City of San Diego needs to establish guiding principles through which we will ensure that our water supply remains both secure and affordable,”** Lightner said in a memorandum to Councilmember David Alvarez, Chair of the City Council’s Natural Resources & Culture Committee.

Currently, a patchwork of incompatible and out-of-date Council Policies serve as the City’s guiding principles for water. Lightner wants City Council to replace existing Council Policies that are incompatible and outdated with a new Council Policy that would contain San Diego’s guiding principles for water.

**“A document of guiding principles has been useful in our work on ending the structural budget deficit, and a similar document for water will guide the City Council’s deliberation on future decisions related to water,”** Lightner said.

Lightner asks Alvarez to docket her proposal for discussion at a future Natural Resources & Culture Committee meeting. She highlights the limitations of existing Council Policies regarding water and suggests elements a new Comprehensive Water Policy. Her suggestions include incentivizing the use of graywater systems, increasing local storage capacity, moving to a tiered rate structure, and setting goals for reducing use of imported water.

Her full memorandum is available at: <http://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd1/pdf/101215.pdf>.

*Sherri Lightner is the Councilmember for Council District One of the City of San Diego, which includes the communities of Black Mountain Ranch, Carmel Valley, Del Mar Mesa, La Jolla, Pacific Highlands Ranch, Rancho Peñasquitos, Torrey Hills, Torrey Highlands, Torrey Pines, and University City. She took office December 8, 2008.*

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