



# COUNCILMEMBER SHERRI S. LIGHTNER

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## Press Release

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### Lightner Applauds Approval of Water Task Force *Group will put into action sustainable water policies*

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego City Council today approved a new task force that will put into action the recommendations detailed in Councilmember Sherri Lightner’s Comprehensive Water Policy.

The policy, which the San Diego City Council unanimously approved last October, is a cohesive strategy to meet San Diego’s long-term water needs by reforming rate structures, developing incentives for conservation and embracing cutting-edge technologies such as advanced water treatment.

The 11-member task force, which includes representatives from a wide-range of backgrounds, will develop specific goals, timelines and measurements of success.

“This issue is too important to lose focus or momentum,” said Lightner. “This task force will help ensure that we have a sustainable water supply going forward, which is critical both to San Diego’s economy and quality of life.”

The Water Policy Implementation Task Force members include:

- **Faith Picking**, associate director of local government affairs at BIOCOM, representing the biotech and life science industry
- **Cary D. Lowe**, a planning and environmental law attorney, representing the building and facilities industry
- **Douglas S. White**, government affairs manager at Cricket Communications, representing the business and economic development interests
- **Julia M. Chunn-Heer**, campaign coordinator at Surfrider Foundation, representing environmental advocacy interests
- **Bruce Rainey**, corporate vice president of facilities design and construction at Scripps Healthcare, representing hospitals and the healthcare industry
- **Corrine A. Brindley**, regional director of government relations at SeaWorld, representing hotels, restaurants and tourism industries
- **Glen Schmidt**, principal at Schmidt Design Group, representing the landscaping industry

- **Gordon A. Hess**, engineer and water resources consultant at Gordon Hess and Associates, representing ratepayer advocacy interests
- **Keith R. Solar**, managing shareholder and water law attorney at Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, representing water law interests
- **Tim P. Barnett**, professor emeritus in Climate Change Research at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, representing water supply and climate research interests
- **Dawn Guendert**, senior project manager for Water Supply Projects at GHD, representing water technology and hydrology industry

Lightner and Councilmember Lorie Zapf selected the slate of appointees from a large list of qualified nominees. The group will have its first meeting on Thursday, May 31 at 1 p.m. in the City Administration Building at 202 C Street on the 12<sup>th</sup> floor.

“San Diego currently imports more than 90 percent of its water. That is simply unsustainable,” Lightner said. “The stakes are high, and we need to get started right away. I applaud the Task Force members for their commitment to develop real solutions for San Diego’s long-term water needs.”

To find out more about the Comprehensive Water Policy, click [here](#).

*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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