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MEMORANDUM

To: Water Policy Implementation Task Force

Re: Task Force Work Plan

Date: June 4, 2012

The Task Force agenda for the upcoming meeting of June 7, 2012 includes a discussion of our work plan for the coming year. In preparation for that discussion, and with the goal of facilitating our work, I would like all of you to consider some suggestions for how to proceed.

Please begin by reviewing both (i) City Council Policy No. 400-15, Comprehensive Policy for a Sustainable Water Supply in San Diego, and (ii) the City Council Resolution Approving the Formation of the Water Policy Implementation Task Force. Both of these were included in the materials distributed to us prior to our first meeting. The first document sets forth a large number of policies which the Council has expressed an intention to implement, and specifically calls for development of “an Implementation Plan for water supply, conservation and reuse, which will contain priorities, goals, timelines and benchmarks.” The Resolution, in turn, charges our Task Force with creating “an implementation plan for CP 400-15, with recommendations of priorities, goal and timelines, and performance measures of specific actions that the City Council should take to implement the policies in CP 400-15.” In other words, the Council has adopted a comprehensive set of policies it wants to pursue, and now is looking to this Task Force for very specific recommendations on how to go about that. We have one year in which to carry out that task.

It seems to me that the City Council’s adopted policies fall into four distinct categories:

- Water conservation and efficiency;
- Infrastructure and new technologies;
- New sources of water; and
- Water quality.

In order to expedite the work of the Task Force, I suggest that we divide the membership into four Working Groups, each of which would concentrate on one of the categories above. Each Working Group would meet between full Task Force meetings, and individual Working Group members would be assigned tasks to gather information relating to the subject matter of the respective Group. However, meetings of the Working Groups would be open to all members of the Task Force (as well as members of the public, pursuant to the Brown Act). The Working Groups all would report at each Task Force meeting, and eventually would submit a set of recommendations for consideration by the full Task Force. Those recommendations need to be submitted soon enough that the full Task Force membership can consider them, discuss

them and adopt some or all of them for inclusion in our report to the City Council. The full Task Force may accept, reject or modify any recommendations from the Working Groups, but having the Working Groups concentrate on different areas will allow us to carry out our responsibilities within the time available.

Based on what I know of the Task Force members' backgrounds and areas of expertise, I suggest the following composition for the Working Groups:

Water conservation and efficiency:

Julia Chunn-Heer
Tim Barnett

Infrastructure and new technologies:

Glenn Schmidt
Faith Picking
Dawn Guendert

New sources of water:

Douglas White
Keith Solar
Gordon Hess

Water Quality:

Bruce Rainey
Corinne Brindley

I will attend meetings of all the Working Groups, schedule permitting. Meetings will need to be held in a publicly accessible location.

Over the next several months, as the Working Groups are preparing and reporting their respective recommendations, the full Task Force would additionally discuss overall implementation strategies, such as whether to rely more or less on certain kinds of water sources, or target dates for the City to reach certain levels of water independence. I anticipate having additional informational presentations to aid in that process.

To assist us in fully understanding the City's current water supply situation and the regulatory constraints affecting implementation of any policies in this area, we will hear presentations at our upcoming meeting from the Public Utilities Department and the Storm Water Department. Additionally, I am requesting that all Task Force members be provided with copies of the various City water-related documents, including (i) the Urban Water Management Plan, (ii) the Long-Range Water Resources Management Plan, (iii) the Recycled Water Master Plan, and (iv) the General Plan Conservation Element. Task Force members are encouraged to share other informational resources with one another, both at and between meetings.

Please give careful consideration to all of these proposals and be prepared to discuss them at the next meeting. Thank you.