



**COUNCILMEMBER DAVID ALVAREZ**  
City of San Diego  
Eighth District

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** January 30, 2014

**TO:** Honorable Councilmembers

**FROM:** Councilmember David Alvarez, Chair, Environment Committee

**SUBJECT:** 2014 Environment Committee Priorities

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As Chair of the Environment Committee I look forward to discussing and implementing a number of important issues in 2014. I have received suggestions from various Councilmembers about topics they would like discussed in the upcoming year. I have integrated some of these suggested topics of discussion with my priorities below:

**Water Reuse**

- Discuss and move forward on an implementation plan on a potable reuse system for the city
- Enhance Potable Reuse Project Public Outreach and Education Program
- Discuss strategy of continuing to diversify the city's sources of water and how the city can minimize importing water from outside the region, including city efforts to incentivize water conservation efforts

**Water and Wastewater Rates**

- Begin discussing the next Water Cost of Service Study
- Review revised Wastewater Cost of Service Study
- Discuss enhancing Prop 218 notifications in bill mailings
- Discuss options for streamlining Water and Wastewater billings
- Receive update regarding implementation of the City Auditor's recommendations regarding the Industrial Wastewater Program
- Receive update on the Point Loma Water Treatment Plant EPA Waiver
- Receive reports from Independent Rates Oversight Committee and the County Water Authority
- Receive Recycled Water Pricing Study Update

**Urban Forestry Program:**

- Discuss expanded urban forestry program
- Support urban greening throughout San Diego

**Proactive Monitoring of Environmental Issues at the Federal, State and Regional Levels**

- Review and discuss action the committee can take regarding environmental issues at all levels of government affecting San Diegans quality of life
- Discuss implementation of the Master Storm Water System Maintenance Program and further improvements to flood channel clearing and maintenance
- Development of comprehensive long-term watershed management for flood control in at-risk areas

I look forward to chairing the Environment Committee in 2014 and working with each committee member on their priorities to ensure the city continues its commitment to protection and oversight of precious natural and cultural resources throughout San Diego.

CC: Honorable City Attorney Goldsmith  
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