



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: DEBRA FIGONE
City Manager

HONORABLE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS

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SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: 04-10-08

**SUBJECT: JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND DISTRICT BOARD STUDY SESSION ON
WATER SUPPLY ISSUES**

PURPOSE OF STUDY SESSION

Presentation and discussion of water quality issues related to:

1. Short and long-term outlook for water supply
2. Water conservation
3. Expansion of the use of recycled water

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This memo provides information on the purpose and format of the upcoming Joint Study Session on Water Supply Issues scheduled for April 24 by the San José City Council and the Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors. Attached are copies of the PowerPoint presentation and fact sheets on the principal discussion areas.

OUTCOME

Services to area residents and businesses are more effectively provided when the staffs of the two agencies coordinate on areas of mutual concern and are provided direction by the two governing bodies.

BACKGROUND

The City of San Jose (City) and the Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) have interrelated responsibilities within San José and also within the eight-city service area of the San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant. The City provides a broad range of environmental services, regulates land use within the City, and manages a broad range of watershed stewardship programs. The District is the primary wholesale water supplier for the County and is additionally responsible for flood management, stream and watershed stewardship, and comprehensive management of the groundwater basins. The City also has an interest in groundwater management issues as a result of its dual roles as a water retailer operating the Municipal Water System and as the recycled water wholesaler operating the South Bay Water Recycling system within the San José Water Pollution Control Plant's service area. Staff to the two agencies work cooperatively as a means of most effectively providing these services.

Eight annual joint meetings have been held by the City Council and District Board since 2002 to review joint efforts by their respective staffs and to provide coordinated direction. The most recent joint meeting was the Study Session on Flood Management issues held November 19, 2007. In addition, the Board and Council have received annual joint memos detailing results, issues, and status to date. The most recent status memo was received by the Board and heard and approved by the Council at their respective meetings on April 8, 2008.

ANALYSIS

Prior to the September 2006 Joint Study Session, the format for the joint meetings and memos has been a status report on a variety of issues, many of which are projects that have been joint efforts over extended periods. Because of the number of activities presented, the joint meetings have focused on review rather than in-depth discussion on specific items. That changed with the first Study Session, in September 2006, which addressed Water Supply. The second, in April 2007, focused on Water Quality, and the third in November 2007 on Flood Management.

This Joint Study Session will focus on the three key water supply issues: 1) The short and long-term outlook for water supply, 2) Water conservation, and 3) Expansion of the use of recycled water. The latter topic includes work to date in forging a long-term agreement for expanding recycled water. This session further builds on the discussion at previous joint sessions and includes:

- A broad overview of these three issues
- A focused presentation by staff on each one
- Council and Board discussion on each element

Any action that the Board and/or Council may want to take on any of the issues that are discussed at the Study Session must be noticed and agendaized for subsequent meetings.

To facilitate the discussion, the attached packet contains copies of the slides that will be discussed for each topic and related fact sheets that give more in-depth background on specific issues. Staff will also be available to answer questions that come up during the discussion.

Next Steps

Staff will report back in the next joint City/District meeting or joint memo with responses to action items that result from this meeting and recommend direction for next steps.

PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST

The topic of water supply is of interest to many of the organizations and stakeholders that regularly work with the City and District. Therefore, the information on this meeting and invitations to attend have been disseminated widely to the many stakeholders involved in the water issues in the county including the Watershed Management Initiative, the South Bay Water Recycling Collaborative, and the members of the Envision 2040 Task Force.

Although this action does not meet any of the criteria below, this memorandum is posted on the City Council Agenda Website.

- Criteria 1:** Requires Council action on the use of public funds equal to \$1 million or greater. **(Required: Website Posting)**
- Criteria 2:** Adoption of a new or revised policy that may have implications for public health, safety, quality of life, or financial/economic vitality of the City. **(Required: E-mail and Website Posting)**
- Criteria 3:** Consideration of proposed changes to service delivery, programs, staffing that may have impacts to community services and have been identified by staff, Council or a Community group that requires special outreach. **(Required: E-mail, Website Posting, Community Meetings, Notice in appropriate newspapers)**

COORDINATION

This memo has been coordinated with the City Departments of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement; Environmental Services, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services; Public Works; and Transportation. It also has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office, Redevelopment Agency, and the related departments at the Santa Clara Valley Water District.

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COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial impacts related to this item.

CEQA

Not a project.



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