



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: John Stufflebean

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: 05-15-08

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Date

5/16/08

COUNCIL DISTRICT: City-Wide

SUBJECT: AB 2270 (LAIRD) RECYCLED WATER: WATER QUALITY

SUPPLEMENTAL

REASON FOR SUPPLEMENTAL

On May 14, 2008, the Rules Committee recommended that the City Council support AB2270 (Laird), which would allow local agencies to adopt ordinances to regulate the use of self-regenerating water softener whenever a regional board or State Water Resources Control Board determines that control of residential salinity will contribute to the achievement of water quality objectives. During the discussion, Councilmember Constant requested information about opponents of the bill. This information was not available when the memo on this bill was submitted to the Rules and Open Government Committee. Staff is providing this supplemental memorandum to supply the requested information obtained from Assemblyman Laird's Office.

BACKGROUND

As noted in the memo to the Rules and Open Government Committee dated May 7, 2008, a number of local communities have recently taken steps to reduce sources of salt in their water supplies to facilitate the use of recycled water, an increasingly important supply in the Santa Clara County area. AB 2270 enables local authorities to adopt ordinances to regulate the use of self-regenerating residential water softeners when control of residential salinity will contribute to the achievement of water quality objectives. These devices contribute on average more than one pound a day per water softener and less harmful substitutes are readily available. As noted in the attached list of supporters and opponents (current as of May 13, 2008), opposition to the bill is primarily represented by a coalition of water treatment companies and salt manufacturers who would prefer that local agencies not have any further authority to regulate use of their products.

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By contrast, the bill's supporters include the majority of cities and agencies in California responsible for distributing recycled water.

COORDINATION

This supplemental memorandum was coordinated with Intergovernmental Relations.



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AB 2270 SUPPORT

WaterReuse Association (cosponsor)
Inland Empire Utilities Agency (cosponsor)
Assoc. of California Water Agencies
CA Alliance of Golf
California Assoc. of Sanitation Agencies
California Coastkeeper Alliance
California Farm Bureau Association
CA Municipal Utilities Association
City of Corona
City of Davis
City of Dixon
City of Fillmore
City of Livermore Public Works Dept
City of Roseville
City of Los Angeles
City of San Diego
City of Santa Barbara Public Works Dept
City of Thousand Oaks
Coachella Valley WD
County of Los Angeles
County of Santa Barbara Public Works Dept
Co. Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles
East Bay MUD (support in concept)
Eastern MWD
Elsinore Valley MUD
Irvine Ranch WD
Las Virgenes Municipal WD
League of California Cities
Metropolitan WD of So California
Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency
Planning and Conservation League
San Diego County WA
Sac Regional Wastewater Treatment
Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority
So Cal Alliance of Publicly Owned Treatment Works (SCAP)
Solano County Taxpayers Association
Sonoma County Water Agency
Southern CA Water Committee (support in concept)
Valenica Water Co.
Vallecitos WD

AB 2270 OPPOSITION

Pacific Water Quality Association
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Culligan Water Solutions
Aqua Primo Water Systems
Osmosis Technology, Inc
American Home Solutions
AmeriTek Industries
Aqua Blue
Aqua Kleen
Challenger Water International
Crystal King
Dupure International
EcoWater Systems
Environmental Aqua
Evans Plumbing
Good Water Warehouse
Investment on Financial Capital
Kevin Shaw Plumbing
Morton Salt
Performance Water Products
Precision Installation Products
Puronic Water Systems
Quality Water, Inc.
QMP, Inc
Rain Soft
Rayne Water Conditioning
TaylorMade Water Systems
Water Techniques
Water Warehouse
Water Conditioning & Purific. Magazine
Weeks Drilling & Pump Co.
West Coast Services
Culligan Quality Water Enterprises
Water Resources International, Inc.
ClearWater Corp.
Pat's Water Inc.
Life Ionizers
Kinetico Quality Water
Randazzo's Water Conditioning
Howlett Consulting

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