



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: February 4, 2014

AGENDA OF: February 11, 2014

DEPARTMENT: City Council

SUBJECT: Water Supply Advisory Committee – Proposed Membership (CN)

RECOMMENDATION: Motion to approve the membership for the Water Supply Advisory Committee, as recommended.

BACKGROUND: On November 26, 2013, the City Council authorized the formation of an ad hoc committee, the *Water Supply Advisory Committee (WSAC)*, to “explore, through an iterative, fact-based process, the City’s water profile, including supply, demand and future threats, and analyze potential solutions to deliver a safe, adequate, reliable and environmentally sustainable water supply, and develop strategy recommendations for City Council consideration.”

The Council established the committee representation as follows:

- 3 At-large City of Santa Cruz Residents
- 1 Water Customer (Non-City Resident)
- 1 Santa Cruz Desal Alternatives Representative
- 1 Sustainable Water Coalition Representative
- 3 Environmental Group Representatives
- 3 Business Group Representatives
- 2 City Water Commission Representatives

The Council designated the authors of this report to serve on a Nominating Committee that would oversee the committee application process, review the applications and compile a list of recommended members that would be returned to the full City Council for discussion and action.

The WSAC application was released and publicized on December 18, 2013 with the application period running through January 15, 2014. Sixty-one applications were received.

DISCUSSION: The Nominating Committee met on three occasions to guide the application process, review applications and refine the proposed membership. While impressed with the overall quality of the applications, the Nominating Committee narrowed the recommended 14 members to promote the best balance of differing perspectives, stakeholder groups, technical experience, interests, dedication and ability to participate, qualifications and enthusiasm. The proposed members represent a diversity of backgrounds, experience and perspectives, but are

unified in their unqualified interest to serve the Santa Cruz community through a serious, open and systematic exploration of our long-term water options.

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present and endorse this proposed membership. The applications are available in the City Manager's Office for review.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact.

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Proposed Membership List