



*PLANNING & REDEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT
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ITEM V-B: PRESENTATION: LONG TERM WATER SUPPLY STRATEGY

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Staff Report is to give the Roseville Planning Commission an update on water planning for the City. Staff made this same presentation to the Public Utilities Commission on July 28, 2009.

BACKGROUND

Water Workshop: In February 2009, a Water Workshop was given to the City Council to provide an overview of how the City's long-term water supply is planned; how the various resources are managed; and what factors may influence how future water supplies are used by the City. The workshop covered a wide range of material including:

- The history of water in California and The Sacramento Region;
- What's on the water horizon, specifically how the changing regulatory environment for water affects the City's current surface water supply:
 - 2009 Drought
 - Delta Vision Project
 - Governor's proposed Conservation Requirements of 20% by 2020
 - New State mandated Landscape Ordinance by January 2010;
- A review of Roseville's current General Plan water policies;
- A discussion on how the City can strategically prepare itself for the future.

Derrick Whitehead, Environmental Utilities Director, made a subsequent Water Overview presentation to the Planning Commission on February 26, 2009. The presentation to the Planning Commission was informational only and no direction was requested.

DISCUSSION

While surface water is the City's primary source of supply, proposed water conservation and reliability measures provide a broader, more flexible set of opportunities to allow the City to respond to changing regulatory and climactic conditions. Actions like, Regulatory Advocacy, Expanded Recycled Water Usage, Water Conservation – Best Management Practices, and use of conserved water for future use.

Attached (Attachment 2) is a hard copy of the PowerPoint presentation that will be shared with the Planning Commission, which provides additional information since the February 11th Workshop and presents a Go Forward action plan to keep pace with changing conditions and the regulatory environment that the City finds itself in.

SUMMARY

Environmental Utilities will be providing an Action Plan that will help shape how the City strategically plans for its long-term water supply. Many of the existing General Plan policies provide significant flexibility to bolster reliability and prepare for the future. One modification will be needed to broaden General Plan policies and increase flexibility to expand the City's current water supply portfolio thereby positioning the City to respond to changing future conditions and state/federal regulations that affect current surface water supplies.

ATTACHEMENTS

1. DVD of Water Workshop with City Council on February 11, 2009
2. Hardcopy of PowerPoint Planning Commission Presentation for August 27, 2009