

GENERAL EXEMPTION, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the establishment of a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) for water project financing.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. FIND that in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), it has been determined that the establishment of a JPA is pursuant to the General Exemption described in CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).
2. CONCUR with the Board of Water and Power Commissioners' (Board) action of March 17, 2015 and February 3, 2015, Resolution Nos. 015-168 and 015-151, authorizing the establishment of a JPA for water project financing, to be called the Southern California Public Water Authority, with the City of Los Angeles and the City of Burbank as its initial members.
3. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE dated March 25, 2015 approving Resolution Nos. 015-168 and 015-151 of the Board authorizing the establishment of a JPA for water project financing.
4. NOT PRESENT and ORDER FILED the Ordinance dated February 19, 2015.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer reports that there is no impact to the City or the General Fund. Approval of the proposed Resolutions will authorize the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to establish a JPA for financing of certain water capital projects.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations, and Neighborhoods Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

Summary:

At a meeting held on May 18, 2016, the Energy and Environment Committee considered reports from the City Attorney, Board of Water and Power Commissioners, and City Administrative Officer, Resolution Nos. 015-168 and 015-151 and Ordinances relative to the establishment of a JPA for water project financing. During the discussion of this item, representatives from the LADWP provided an overview of the Department's request and responded to related questions from the Committee members. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council approve the recommendations detailed above. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
FUENTES:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
CEDILLO:	ABSENT
KORETZ:	ABSENT
O'FARRELL:	YES

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