

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) proposed Draft Emergency Conservation Regulations (Draft Regulations) for implementing the Statewide water conservation standard.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Fuentes - Blumenfield):

1. NOTE and FILE the May 5, 2015 LADWP report relative to:
 - a. The SWRCB's proposed Draft Emergency Conservation Regulations for implementing the Statewide water conservation standard.
 - b. How the LADWP plans to meet the 16 percent conservation standard set for the City of Los Angeles in the Draft Regulations and what residents can do to help conserve water.
2. REQUEST the LADWP to report in 29 days in regard to the Watersmart Pilot Study and efforts made to encourage the occupants of single family dwellings to reduce their water usage.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On May 6, 2015, your Committee considered a Motion (Fuentes - Blumenfield) relative to the SWRCB's proposed Draft Regulations) for implementing the Statewide water conservation standard; and how the LADWP plans to meet the 16 percent conservation standard set for the City of Los Angeles in the Draft Regulations and what residents can do to help conserve water. Additionally, the LADWP also submitted a May 5, 2015 report in response to the above Motion. According to the LADWP, as a result of prolonged multi-year drought conditions, on April 1, 2015, the Governor issued an Executive Order calling for a 25 percent conservation Statewide through February 2016. The State estimates this conservation target will result in 1.3 million acre-feet of water saved.

The SWRCB issued its Draft Regulatory Framework on April 7, 2015, to implement the Governor's Executive Order. Since then, the SWRCB has been working with water suppliers, environmental groups, and the public throughout the State to refine the Draft Regulatory Framework and create Draft Regulations. The LADWP has been working with the SWRCB staff throughout the process to ensure the Draft Regulations provide for a fair and effective approach to meeting the Governor's conservation target.

The first Draft Regulations were issued on April 18, 2015. Based on public comments, the SWRCB revised their Draft Regulations, and on April 28, 2015, issued the final Draft Regulations. Final Draft Regulations were heard and adopted at the SWRCB meeting on May 5, 2015.

As instructed in the Governor's Executive Order, the SWRCB crafted their Regulations to assign different conservation standards to each water supplier based on their gallons per capita per day (GPCD). Water suppliers with higher residential GPCDs (R-GPCD) need to conserve more while those with lower R-GPCDs will have lower conservation standards. This approach attempts to give credit to water suppliers, like the LADWP who has a long-standing, extensive conservation program,

that have already achieved significant levels of conservation. The SWRCB has been collecting data from water suppliers since June 2014, and with this data determined each water supplier 's baseline R-GPCD based on the months of July 2014 through September 2014. These months were selected to reflect summer month conditions where temperature and precipitation play less of an impact between water suppliers across the State. The LADWP's R-GPCD for these three months was 90.9.

The LADWP's baseline R-GPCD of 90.9 places it into conservation Tier 4 which requires a 16 percent water use reduction. Water suppliers are expected to meet their percent water use reduction over the nine month period from June 2015 to February 2016 as compared to the same months in 2013. This will equate to approximately 1.3 million acre-feet of water saved throughout the State.

After further consideration, the Committee moved to note and file the May 5, 2015 LADWP report and further request the LADWP to report in 29 days in regard to the Watersmart Pilot Study and efforts made to encourage the occupants of single family dwellings to reduce their water usage. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
FUENTES:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	ABSENT
LABONGE:	YES
HUIZAR:	YES
KORETZ:	YES

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