

WATER SUPPLY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PRELIMINARY FRAMEWORK

The touchstone of the community engagement around water supply planning is a citizen advisory committee. Comprising major interests and stakeholder groups, the Committee both will establish the framework for a deliberate examination of all issues and will be tasked with formulating recommendations to the City Council for drought water supply options. The Committee is envisioned as a sophisticated body that will dive deeply into increasingly complex data and information as it proceeds through its workplan. Given its charge to develop water supply option recommendations for the City Council, the Committee's work is consequential and will be extremely time- and labor-intensive.

The following is an initial sketch of the committee framework, to be expanded and finalized upon the Committee's formation:

Proposed Name: Water Supply Advisory Committee

Purpose: 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.

Objectives:

- a) Lead the community engagement process via a methodical review of the major elements of the City water system and regional water supply challenges and participate in creating and reviewing outreach and educational materials.
- b) Analyze and provide comments on the Habitat Conservation Plan, Master Conservation Plan, Economic Impact Analysis and Water Transfer Working Group, based upon planning timelines
- c) Serve as the clearinghouse for exploration and discovery of viable solutions and recommend specific study of options to the City Council
- d) Develop recommendations on supply goals and for strategies that meet those goals. (Note: reducing overall water use will be considered an avenue to achieving an adequate supply—all approaches are on the table.)

Milestones:	1) Agree on definitions and basic principles of problem, purpose, process, common timelines and workplan. Provide a report to the City Council on these items. Include in this report, if necessary, recommendations for modification to the Committee's charge as approved on November 26, 2013. 2) Achieve advanced understanding of the City's water supply profile, including historical and predicted hydrologic cycles, water production and delivery, regional concerns such as saltwater intrusion, climate change threats, demands, conservation and environmental and regulatory considerations. 3) Agree on clear criteria for what constitutes a viable water supply solution 4) Explore a broad array of potential solutions 5) Develop recommendations for City Council consideration
Timeline:	Total duration of approximately 12-months, with meeting length and frequency, to be determined. While 12 months is the target, the council will consider extending the timeline upon request from the Advisory Committee.
Workplan:	The workplan is envisioned to proceed along a logical arc that links education about the City's watershed and demand and supply issues with analysis of a spectrum of options, many of which were queried during the Draft EIR comment period and, finally, recommendations for a water strategy that protects the City and remains attuned to the water supply issues facing the Soquel Creek Water District and other agencies as appropriate.