

Council Meeting of
June 21, 2011

PUBLIC HEARING

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Public Works – Approve and Adopt a RESOLUTION accepting the Urban Water Management Plan and filing said Plan with the State Department of Water Resources. Expenditure: None

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve and adopt a **RESOLUTION** to accept the 2010 Urban Water Management Plan.

Funding

No additional funding is necessary.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with California's Urban Water Management Planning Act, the City of Torrance Municipal Water Department prepared an Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) to support long-term resource planning and ensure adequate water supplies are available to meet existing and future water demands.

The waters of the state are limited and a renewable resource subject to ever-increasing demands. The California Legislature enacted Assembly Bill 2853 in 1994 mandating every urban water supplier that either provides over 3,000 acre-feet of water annually or serves 3,000 or more connections to assess the reliability of its water sources over a 20-year planning horizon considering normal, dry, and multiple dry years. This assessment is to be included in the UWMP, which is to be prepared every five years and submitted to the Department of Water Resources. The DWR then reviews the submitted plans to make sure they have completed the requirements identified in the Urban Water Management Planning Act (Division 6 Part 2.6 of the Water Code 10610-10657).

The City's current Urban Water Management Plan must be revised and filed with the California Department of Water Resources by August 1, 2011. Usually, UWMP's are due on December 31 of years ending in 0 and 5, but a six-month extension has been granted for submittal of the 2010 UWMPs to provide additional time for water suppliers to address the SBX7-7 requirements. Governor Schwarzenegger in his 20x2020 Plan determined that for California to have enough water to support its growing population, it needs to reduce the amount of water each person uses per day (Per Capita Daily Consumption, which is measured in gallons per capita per day). This reduction of 20 percent per capita use by the year 2020 is supported by legislation passed in November 2009 SBx 7-7 (Steinberg).

The City's 2010 UWMP revises the 2005 UWMP and incorporates changes enacted by legislation. The UWMP also incorporates water use efficiency efforts the City has implemented or is considering implementing pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Urban Water Conservation in California.

An Agreement was awarded on February 15, 2011 to SA Associates, a California Corporation, to prepare the Urban Water Management Plan for the City.

State legislation requires that the Urban Water Management Plan be adopted at a Public Hearing. A display advertisement, notifying the public of the hearing was published in the Daily Breeze on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 and again on June 14, 2011.

ANALYSIS

The main objectives of the Urban Water Management Plan Act are to achieve effective water conservation and management of urban water supplies; promote the efficient use of the City's limited water resource; ensure sufficient water supplies will be available in the future to meet projected needs; and to develop coherent strategies for addressing potential water shortage conditions. As delineated in the Act, the Urban Water Management Plan includes the following elements:

- Water Service Area
- Water System Facilities
- Water Source and Supplies
- Water Quality Information
- Water Reliability Planning
- Water Use Provisions
- Water Demand Management Measures
- Water Shortage Contingency

In addition, the Urban Water Management Plan focuses on strategies to reduce potable water demand through use of recycled water, exchanges and transfers of water rights and desalination of brackish groundwater.

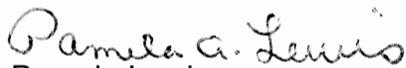
The Urban Water Management Plan reflects the City's best faith effort to comply with provisions of the Urban Water Management Planning Act and delineates the TMW's conservation and Water Resource Management Programs. Upon adoption by Council the plan will be submitted to the State Department of Water Resources.

Although the State Department of Water Resources will review and file the subject report, it does not have the authority to revise or enforce the provisions of these plans.

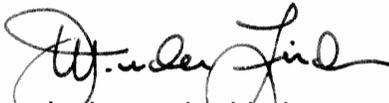
The Water Commission reviewed and approved the draft Urban Water Management Plan in concept at its regular meeting of May 19, 2011, and their input has been included.

Respectfully submitted,

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Public Works Director

By 
Pamela Lewis
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CONCUR:


Jack van der Linden
Deputy Public Works Director


Robert J. Beste
Public Works Director


LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager

Attachments: A. Resolution
 B. City's Urban Water Management Plan (for limited distribution)

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF AN URBAN
WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS, the California Legislature enacted Assembly Bill 2853 during the 1994 Session of the California Legislature (an act to amend California Water Code Division 6, Part 2.6 Urban Water Management Planning Act), Water Code Section 10610 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, AB 2853 mandates that every urban water supplier providing municipal water directly or indirectly to more than 3,000 customers or supplying more than 3,000 acre-feet of water annually to develop an Urban Water Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, AB 2853 mandates that the Plan be updated at least once every five years; and

WHEREAS, the waters of the State are limited and renewable resource subject to ever-increasing demands; and

WHEREAS, a long term, reliable supply of water is essential and urban water management plans are required to actively pursue the efficient use of available supplies; and

WHEREAS, the City's current Urban Water Management Plan must be revised and filed with the California Department of Water Resources by August 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the City of Torrance has completed an update to its 2005 Urban Water Management Plan (2010 Plan) pursuant to the requirements of the Urban Water Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the 2010 Plan is to provide a local analysis of the current and alternative water demand, supplies and conservation activities of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Water Management Plan incorporates a Water Shortage Contingency Plan as an element of the subject plan to outline courses of action in the event of a drought or emergency water shortage condition; and

WHEREAS, the City of Torrance is an urban supplier of water providing service to more than 3,000 customers, and has, therefore, prepared for public review a Draft Urban Water Management Plan, in compliance with the requirements of AB 2853, and a properly noticed public hearing regarding the Plan was held by the City Council on June 21, 2010, and a Final Urban Water Management Plan prepared.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Torrance as follows:

SECTION 1

The subject Urban Water Management Plan is hereby adopted and ordered filed with the City Clerk.

SECTION 2

The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to file this Plan with the California Department of Water Resources.

Introduced, approved and adopted this 21ST day of June, 2011.

Mayor Frank Scotto

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JOHN L. FELLOWS III, City Attorney

ATTEST:

by _____
Patrick Q. Sullivan, Assistant City Attorney

Sue Herbers, City Clerk