



CITY OF CARSON

PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION: May 13, 2014
SUBJECT: California Statewide Drought Emergency
APPLICANT: City of Carson
REQUEST: West Basin Municipal Water District and South Bay Cities Council of Governments presentation regarding California statewide drought emergency
PROPERTY INVOLVED: N/A

COMMISSION ACTION

☐ Concurred with staff
☐ Did not concur with staff
☐ Other

COMMISSIONERS' VOTE

AYE	NO		AYE	NO	
		Chairman Faletogo			Gordon
		Vice-Chair Verrett			Piñon
		Brimmer			Saenz
		Diaz			Schaefer
		Goolsby			

I. Introduction

On January 17, 2014, Governor Jerry Brown declared a statewide drought emergency. According to U.S. Drought Monitor, a federal website that tracks drought nationwide, almost 99% of California is considered abnormally dry or worse; almost two-thirds of the state is in extreme drought. Last year became the driest year on record in California. San Francisco had the least rain since record keeping began there during the gold rush of 1849.

II. Background

The South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG), is working in partnership with West Basin Municipal Water District to provide information on the current water crisis and how the South Bay can have a safe and reliable supply of high-quality water. To help disseminate this information, the SBCCOG is reaching out to all member city commissions to make presentations on these issues. The presentation is a joint effort by South Bay Environmental Services and Ron Wildermuth, West Basin's Manager of Public Information and Conservation. It would be about 15 to 20 minutes in length followed by question and answer period. On February 5, 2014, SBCCOG and Mr. Wildermuth made a similar presentation to the Environmental Commission.

III. Analysis

California is facing a water crisis that could impact reliable water supplies for Carson residents. West Basin Municipal Water District is the water wholesaler that serves our community through California Water Service Company and Golden State Water Company. Their Water Reliability 2020 presentation discusses the state's water crisis and focuses on reducing the South Bay's dependence on imported water from Northern California and the Colorado River by 50%.

IV. Recommendation

That the Planning Commission:

- DISCUSS the presentation, provide input on the presentation, provide direction to staff, and/or provide recommendations to the City Council on conservation measures the City and the community should take, if any.
- RECEIVE AND FILE.

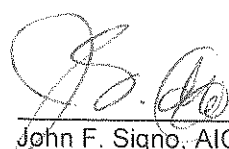
V. Exhibits

1. None

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