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Mr. Mark Delaphine:

Subject: Recycled Water Study

The City of San Diego is pleased to submit the Recycled Water Study (Study), dated July 17, 2012, as required in the Commission's Consistency Certification pertaining to the reissuance of the City's Secondary Treatment Waiver in 2010. The Study also satisfies the terms of the City's Cooperative Agreement with San Diego Coastkeeper and Surfrider Foundation, referenced in that Certification. Conceptual alternatives for increasing recycling by 135 million gallons per day (mgd) are described in the Study and were developed through a collaborative stakeholder participation process. Stakeholders included representatives from San Diego Coastkeeper and Surfrider Foundation, as well as the Metropolitan Wastewater Joint Powers Authority, the City's Independent Rates Oversight Committee, and the San Diego County Water Authority. The Study was presented to City Council on July 17, 2012, and the Council voted unanimously to receive the Study and consider the next steps towards implementation.

The alternatives in the Study were developed at a high planning level. As such, Section 8 of the Study contains a list of follow-on tasks that are needed to establish the technical and regulatory feasibility of implementing 135 mgd of increased recycling. The City's Water Purification Demonstration Project (Demonstration Project) is already underway, and the Final Project Report will be completed this calendar year. This report will include a discussion of the regulatory feasibility of indirect potable reuse utilizing the City's San Vicente Reservoir. The City is also planning to conduct facility siting studies and the development of a water-wastewater cost allocation framework. After these initial tasks are completed, subsequent tasks include preparing a financing plan, integrating implementation with the next Point Loma permit application, and conducting reservoir modeling to confirm the amount of indirect potable reuse possible at the City's Otay Reservoir.



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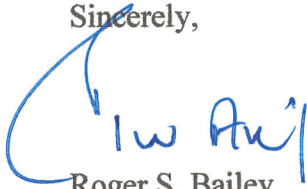
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