



Legislation Text

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SUBJECT: Set a Public Hearing to Consider the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan

REPORT IN BRIEF

Staff requests the setting of a public hearing on May 15, 2017, to consider the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion setting a Public Hearing to consider the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan on May 15, 2017.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Adopt as recommended by staff; or,
2. Modify the action; or,
3. Continue action until a future City Council meeting, specifying date; or
4. Deny the action.

AUTHORITY

Charter of the City of Merced, Article II, Section 200,

CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

As provided for in the 2016-17 Adopted Budget.

DISCUSSION

The Urban Water Management Planning Act of the California Water Code, Sections 10610-10656 states that every urban water supplier that provides water to 3,000 or more customers should make every effort to ensure the appropriate level of water service reliability to meet the needs of its customers during normal, dry, and multiple dry years. The Act requires urban water suppliers to update and submit their adopted Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for the years ending in zero and five.

At the City Council meeting of October 3, 2016, Carollo Engineers, Inc. was authorized to update our 2015 Urban Water Management Plan. A draft final report has been completed and sent to Merced County, Merced Irrigation District, Merced County Association of Governments and the County Library. Staff has prepared a Notice of Public Hearing to be advertised in the newspaper for the required two consecutive weeks prior to the Public Hearing.

In addition to this being a State requirement for grant funding, the UWMP provides important long-term planning opportunities to optimize the water supply for growth, development, and redevelopment. A dependable water supply is imperative to the economic and social vitality of the City.

Therefore, it is recommended that the Council adopt a motion setting a Public Hearing on May 15, 2017 to consider the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan with the intent to consider adopting the plan.

IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES

The contract with Carollo Engineers was agreed upon on October 3, 2016 for \$40,500. Funding for the UWMP came from the Water Fund 557-1106-532.17-00, no additional funds are required.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2015 Urban Water Management Plan Public Review Draft