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DATE: June 14, 2007

TO: City Council

FROM: Mark S. Norris, Assistant Public Works Director
Public Works Department, Utilities Services Branch

SUBJECT: **Rename Water Task Force as Utilities Task Force (UTF); Establish Jurisdiction of UTF**

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council rename the Water Task Force the Utilities Task Force with jurisdiction to consider water, recycled water, wastewater, stormwater, solid waste and recycling issues.

DISCUSSION

In order to consider certain subject areas in more detail than can be discussed during regular meetings, the City Council has established several standing committees, including the Water Task Force. The scope of the existing Water Task Force includes water, recycled water, wastewater, and stormwater issues. Currently, solid waste and recycling issues are not covered within the jurisdiction of any standing City Council committee.

The City's utilities operations are highly regulated, represent a significant portion of the City's overall operations, and directly affect all existing citizens and businesses through user fees and charges. Increasingly, new environmental and health and safety regulations affect more than one of the City's utilities enterprises (solid waste, wastewater, water), and will require a coordinated effort among them to achieve compliance.

The three enterprises represent over \$75 million per year of operating budget and significant capital improvements and capital replacements budgets. Coordinated, long-term financial planning is imperative to maintain a high level of service, to successfully comply with new regulatory requirements, and to complete necessary capital projects. In order to better evaluate these complex issues and needs, the City Council has expressed a desire to consider all three of the enterprises together.

In response, the Public Works Department has created a Utilities Services Branch, which coordinates the activities of the Environmental Services Division (solid waste and recycling) and the Water Resources Division (wastewater, stormwater, and water). Therefore, staff recommends expanding the scope of the existing Water Task Force to include water, recycled water, wastewater, stormwater, solid waste and recycling issues. To acknowledge the expanded jurisdiction, staff recommends that the name of the Water Task Force be changed to the Utilities Task Force.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS

There are no financial impacts from this recommendation.

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