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**DATE:** December 7, 2009

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Mark S. Norris, Assistant Public Works Director  
Public Works Department, Utilities Services Branch [Signature]

**SUBJECT:** Agreement with Ventura County Community College District for Transfer of Oxnard College Water System to City

**RECOMMENDATION**

That City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Ventura County Community College District (District) for Transfer of Oxnard College Water System and Payment of Fees and Charges, providing the City with ownership and ongoing operational responsibility for the new water system located at Oxnard College (Agreement No. A-7238).

**DISCUSSION**

The District operates Oxnard College, within the City of Oxnard. Historically, the District constructed Oxnard College and the on-site water system, and was entirely responsible for ongoing operations and maintenance. The City provided water service through a large master meter.

The District has recently constructed several new buildings at Oxnard College. Along with the new improvements, the District designed and constructed a new on-site water system that meets both California community colleges standards and City standards. City staff reviewed and approved the design and inspected the construction. The majority of the on-site water piping is new. The new on-site water system now includes several connections to the surrounding City water system, new fire hydrants, separate water meters for dedicated building fire sprinkler systems, and separate water meters for each building or cluster of buildings. The District also created a separate on-site non-potable irrigation water system that will facilitate future conversion to recycled water, when it becomes available in the future. The District has paid the City approximately \$250,000 in connection fees and charges associated with the water meters for the new buildings at Oxnard College.

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The District now proposes to turn over ownership and ongoing operational responsibility for the Oxnard College water system to the City. The Agreement provides for the complete transfer of ownership, operation, maintenance and repair responsibility to the City, along with easements necessary to access the facilities on the campus. The total value of the Oxnard College water system is \$2.2 million and the annual maintenance is estimated to be \$44,000.

Despite certain Government Code provisions that arguably provide the District with the right to negotiate, and perhaps receive a discount on the applicable connection fees and charges, the District has paid the City all outstanding connection fees and charges associated with the new buildings on Oxnard College and the reconfiguration of the new water system. The Agreement provides the District with a slightly modified structure to calculate any applicable connection fees and charges for new services that may be required in the next 10 years. After ten years, the parties will default to the applicable Government Code provisions to determine the required connection fees and charges.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The Oxnard College new water system is designed to be fully integrated into the City's water distribution system. The City would assume all future financial obligations for the operation of the on-campus water system through user fees and charges, as the City does with the remainder of its water distribution system. The operations and replacement costs are built into our rates.

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Attachment #1 – Agreement No. A-7238

Note: Attachment #1 has been provided to City Council under separate cover. Copies for review are available at the Help Desk in the Library after 6:00 p.m. on Thursday prior to the Council meeting and in the City Clerk's Office after 8:00 a.m. on Monday prior to the Council meeting.