



Charter Review Committee

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS DATE: February 20, 2020
FROM: CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WARDS: ALL
SUBJECT: RESTRICTIONS ON POWER OF CITY COUNCIL TO ENTER INTO WATER SALE AGREEMENTS

ISSUE:

Receive and file research prepared by staff as to restrictions on City Council's power to enter into water sale agreements; determine if the Committee wishes to proceed with a charter amendment on this issue; and direct staff to present for Committee review any such proposed Charter amendment.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Charter Review Committee:

1. Receive and file research prepared by staff as to restrictions on City Council's power to enter into water sale agreements;
2. Determine whether to propose a City Charter amendment for restrictions on City Council's power to enter into water sale agreements;
3. Direct staff to present for Committee review any such ballot amendment as approved.

BACKGROUND:

The Committee has received comments from the public regarding whether the City Council should be allowed to approve water sales contracts for the sale of water outside of City limits;

Staff has prepared the following research to assist the Committee in determining if the Committee wishes to propose Charter revisions to voters.

Water Sales Contracts

The City Charter currently has no restrictions on sale of water outside of City limits. The City has entered into water sales agreements with Western Municipal Water District and City of Norco. Attached are the following City Council Reports:

1. May 16, 2017 City Council report for the 2017 Cooperative Agreement for Long-Term Wheeling and Surplus Water Sales with Western Municipal Water District.
2. February 12, 2019 City Council report for the Agreement for Sale of Emergency Potable Water to the City of Norco.

The City also provides water service to certain fringe areas of the City, including the Home Gardens area in the County of Riverside, the area served by Riverside Highlands Water company and the City of Colton, generally where the customer's water agency is unable to provide water service or where water might be needed in an emergency situation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

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Attachment: May 16, 2017 City Council Report No. 3
February 12, 2019 City Council Report No. 32a