

Memorandum

To: Water Commission
From: Russell R. Ruiz, Commissioner
Agenda Date: 10/6/2009
Re: Agenda Item on Commissioner Focus

RECOMMENDATION: That the Water Commission consider having each Commissioner volunteer to take on an area of focus for future discussions.

DISCUSSION:

At the September meeting I raised the idea of having each Commissioner volunteer to take on an area of focus. We each have unique professional backgrounds and we each have differing interests in the wide area of jurisdiction for the Water Commission. I thought it would be interesting and hopefully productive to have each of us take on an area of focus.

This is strictly volunteer. At a Commission meeting we would all have the opportunity to participate in the discussion but it is my hope that the Commissioner with the issue of focus could lead the discussion and if possible, bring to the meeting a focused preparation to share with the other Commissioners and staff.

Just by way of example, and each of you, if interested, will be responsible for identifying and describing what you want to focus on: recycled water; wastewater; State Water; Cachuma; Gibraltar; Santa Ynez River issues; fisheries issues; Desal; groundwater.

My focus would be the process for Water Commission participation in the General Plan EIR on Water Supply. I want the Commission to submit a formal written comment to the Draft EIR and that will require some work and focus and I would like to take that on. Again at our meetings we would each participate in the normal fashion.

I look forward to your input.