



City of Santa Barbara
Public Works Department

Interoffice Memorandum

DATE: September 7, 2011
TO: Board of Water Commissioners
FROM: Rebecca Bjork, Water Resources Manager 
SUBJECT: U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Water Plan

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) requires a periodic update of the City's water management plan as a condition of the contract for the Cachuma Project. They require a particular format that is quite different from our other water management plans, e.g. the State mandated Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) and the City's own Long-Term Water Supply Plan. Staff has typically completed this document and submitted it as a part of our administrative activities. For the 2010 version, Reclamation is requiring approval by the City Council, so we are scheduling it for Water Commission review on September 12, 2011, and as a part of the Consent Calendar for City Council review on September 20, 2011.

The information is much the same as what you have seen in the Long-Term Water Supply Plan and the UWMP, so we have not included the lengthy document in the Water Commission packet. However, it is available for your review at: www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/water.

If you wish to review it, please note a few points:

- Reclamation requires that the information for this plan be as of 2010, so there are some portions that reflect information that has since been updated. This is deliberate to meet Reclamation's requirements.
- Due to format limitations, the "Groundwater" category includes both pumped groundwater and infiltration to Mission Tunnel, so you will see higher groundwater numbers than you are used to. We typically report Mission Tunnel separately from pumped groundwater.
- Recycled water is reported as the amount net of blending, similar to the Gross Water Use calculations in the UMWP, but not exactly the same.

Reclamation has actually already reviewed the plan and has approved it, subject to formal action by the City Council. We will be requesting your recommendation on September 12, 2011 in preparation for the City Council action.

BF/AJ/dm