

# Agenda Memorandum

**To:** Water Commission  
**From:** General Plan Sub-Committee  
**Date:** April 7, 2010  
**Re:** Draft Comments to General Plan EIR

We are providing you with our first cut draft Comment Memorandum. We believe an important part of a successful process will be to get across to the other three of you that we see this as a collaborative, consensus effort and a great opportunity to participate as a Commission in the General Plan process. We want to encourage each Commissioner to actively participate and it would be unreasonable to expect that we will agree on all the matters that are addressed in the EIR. Our proposal is that we spend our time at the April meeting going over the document as it pertains to Water Supply and Wastewater, found in Section 15, Public Utilities, and determine where we have consensus. We must also identify those areas where we do not have consensus. On those areas, it is our proposal that instead of voting to support a particular perspective or Comment, all Commissioners' Comments will be included in the final Comment Memorandum.

We believe it will be beneficial for the General Plan process to inform the decision makers at the Planning Commission and the Council of our perspective on these matters. That we may not agree on everything is not bad, it is inherent in the subject matter and part of the education process. We were each appointed by the City Council and this is a unique opportunity to let them know what we think about these matters today. If you look at the General Plan website you will see a similar approach from the Planning Commission. Each Planning Commissioner was given the opportunity to post a statement regarding that Commissioner's personal perspective on the General Plan process.

To the extent you have Comments that are different than or in addition to those of the Committee, it will greatly facilitate the process if you could bring those to the April meeting in writing. If you are unable to do so we will still incorporate anything you want to say in the final document but we must conclude this process at our May meeting as the Comments are due on or before May 17. To the extent you can come prepared and make the transcribing easier for us, it will be greatly appreciated. We also suggest that you print the Public Utilities Section of the EIR and bring that with you to our Commission meeting to work from. If you do not have

the ability to do that please advise Rebecca and she can arrange for a copy to be available for you.

Water issues are also addressed in the EIR Summary, pp. 63-65; Summary of Alternatives Analysis Section 22, p. 22-13; and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting, Section 23, pp. 18 and 19, (which is the same discussion found in the EIR Summary and also found at the end of the Public Utilities Section 15, pp. 40 and 41.). We believe that in commenting on the Water Supply Section we adequately deal with these other Sections. You may want to review those other Sections yourself to confirm that.

As you will see the Committee had no Comments to the Wastewater Sections. We hope others will provide some input on that subject.

We have provided a General Comments section at the end of the document for any such Comments that you may want included.