

City of Culver City, California
City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: 5/29/07		Item Number: <u>A-12</u>	
AGENDA ITEM: Letter of Support to Westside Cities Council of Governments (COG) to Sign the Memorandum of Understanding Coordinating the Development and Implementation of the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) for the Greater Los Angeles County Region.			
Contact Person/Dept.: Mate Gaspar		Phone Number: 310.253.5602	
Fiscal Impact: Yes ☐ No ☒		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒ Attachments: ☒	
Public Notification: Master Notification List (05/24/07)			
Department Head Approval: Charles D. Herbertson 4/24/07		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Iker) (05/02/07)	
City Controller Approval: Marlee Chang (05/21/07)		City Manager Approval: Jerry B. Fulwood (05/23/07)	
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends the City Council authorize the Mayor to sign the Letter of Support for the Westside Cities COG to sign the Memorandum of Understanding to coordinate the development and the implementation of the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) for the Greater Los Angeles County Region. <u>BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:</u> On December 13, 2006, the Regional Water Management Group for the Greater Los Angeles County Region officially adopted the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) at a public hearing. The purpose of the IRWMP is to coordinate all types of water providers and protectors to establish comprehensive planning. The Regional Water Management Group is formed through approving the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). During the development of the IRWMP, the Westside Cities COG was represented by the City of Beverly Hills at the South Bay Steering Committee. As a member of the Steering Committee, the City of Beverly Hills' City Council recommends to the COG that it become a signatory to the MOU. <u>DISCUSSION:</u> The City of Beverly Hills has requested that the Cities of Culver City, West Hollywood, and Beverly Hills provide letters to the Westside Cities COG supporting and recommending that the Westside Cities COG become a signatory			

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to an MOU making the Westside Cities COG a part of the Regional Water Management Group.

The Greater Los Angeles Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) was developed to provide the region a comprehensive plan that encourages cooperation rather than competition when seeking funds to develop solutions to maintain, enhance and protect the watersheds in Los Angeles County. In December 2005, the State granted the region \$1.5 million to complete this plan. Now that the plan is complete, the State will use this document as a tool to evaluate funding requests from the region for future programs that fall under three categories: water supply, water quality/flood management and beneficial uses (ecosystem restoration, habitat protection, etc.).

To date, the leadership structure to organize over 400 agencies to cooperate includes a Chair, Sub-regional representation and Sub-regional steering committees. So far 23 organizations have already signed the MOU to demonstrate to the State that the plan created over the past twelve months has support throughout the region. Two departments within the City of Los Angeles and the Gateway Cities Council of Governments are amongst the signatories.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

There is no fiscal impact for the City to sign this supporting letter.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Letter of Support

MOTIONS:

That the City Council

Authorize the Mayor to sign the Letter of Support for the Westside Cities COG to sign the Memorandum of Understanding to coordinate the development and the implementation of the IRWMP for the Greater Los Angeles County Region.