

City of Los Alamitos

Agenda Report Consent Calendar

April 16, 2012
Item No: 8H

To: Mayor Troy D. Edgar & Members of the City Council
From: Angie Avery, City Manager
Subject: Resolution No. 2012-08, Supporting SB 1364 Relating to Water Corporations

Summary: This report requests City Council adoption of Resolution No. 2012-08, expressing support for SB 1364 relating to water corporations.

Recommendation: Adopt City Council Resolution 2012-08, entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 1364 RELATING TO WATER CORPORATIONS."

Background

State Senator Bob Huff, representing California's 29th District, has introduced Senate Bill No. 1364 (SB 1364) which would amend Sections 314, 454, 587, 797, 798, 1756 and 1802 of the Public Utilities Code relating to water corporations. The bill amends current legislation in an effort to toughen regulations on water corporations in California. The action adopts a resolution expressing support for SB 1364 relating to water corporations.

Discussion


In a response to the continued increase in water rates by water corporations and continued petitions for water rate increases, Senator Bob Huff has introduced SB 1364. The bill amends legislation to toughen regulations on water utilities allowing the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to audit water companies. Included in the amendments to the bill are provisions by the Public Utilities Code (PUC) to extend certain regulations to water utilities that are currently applied only to gas, electric, and telephone companies.

SB 1364 would also require water corporations to submit an annual report to the CPUC describing all significant transactions between the corporation and every subsidiary or affiliate of, or corporation hold a controlling interest. The bill includes expansion of the definition of a customer to include a local government that receives water from a water corporation for the purpose of participating in a proceeding involving the water corporation. Staff is recommending that the City Council adopt a resolution in support of SB 1364 as introduced by Senator Huff.

Fiscal Impact

None.

Submitted By:



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Attachment: 1. Resolution No. 2012-08