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Utilities Advisory Commission Staff Report

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TITLE

Discussion with Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) CEO/General Manager, Nicole Sandkulla: BAWSCA Overview, Regional Water Use and Efficiency, and San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Water Supply Reliability Investments

RECOMMENDATION

This is a discussion with the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) CEO/General Manager, Nicole Sandkulla. Ms. Sandkulla will provide a BAWSCA overview, discuss regional water use and efficiency, as well as San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) water supply reliability investments. No Utilities Advisory Commission action is requested.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

BAWSCA is a special district created by the legislature in 2002. BAWSCA provides regional water reliability planning and conservation programming for the benefit of its 26 member agencies that purchase wholesale water supplies from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC).¹ Collectively, the BAWSCA member agencies (or wholesale water customers) deliver water to over 1.8 million residents and nearly 40,000 commercial, industrial and institutional accounts in Alameda, San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties.

BAWSCA also represents the collective interests of these wholesale water customers on all significant technical, financial, and policy matters related to the operation and improvement of the SFPUC's Regional Water System. As a member of BAWSCA, the City of Palo Alto is formally represented on the BAWSCA Board of Directors on matters involving decision-making, policy setting and issues of interest to the BAWSCA members.

BAWSCA's CEO/General Manager, Nicole Sandkulla will present to the UAC. Ms. Sandkulla will provide an overview of BAWSCA and its goals and activities on behalf of its member agencies,

¹ For a video summary of BAWSCA's activities, see <https://vimeo.com/283596665/5619ce2c11>

provide background about regional water use and efficiency trends and SFPUC's water supply reliability and water quality investments.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Presentation

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