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## Utilities Advisory Commission Staff Report

**From: Kiely Nose, Interim Director of Utilities**  
**Lead Department: Utilities**

**Meeting Date: March 5, 2025**  
**Report #: 2502-4139**

### **TITLE**

Consideration of the Utilities Advisory Subcommittee's One Water Advocacy Letter and a Commissioner's Proposed Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) Advocacy Letter and Potential Recommendation to City Council

### **RECOMMENDATION**

At the behest of UAC Commissioners, review two letters: 1) Utilities Advisory Subcommittee's One Water Advocacy Letter and 2) Commissioner Tucher's Proposed Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) Advocacy Letter. Recommend any adjustments to the letters and any potential direction on a recommendation to Council.

### **BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

#### One Water UAC Letter

At the January 7, 2025 UAC meeting, staff recommended that the UAC recommend City Council accept the One Water Plan. The UAC did not take any action. The UAC expressed a desire to provide additional information to the City Council regarding water supply and conservation planning. As a result, as discussed by the Commissioners, three commissioners (Gupta, Mauter and Phillips) were appointed to draft the letter for the full commission's consideration.

Upon further review and consideration, staff plans to present the One Water Plan to the Council as an informational item rather than an action item. The One Water plan, a key action item in the Council approved Sustainability & Climate Action Plan (S/CAP), studies the impacts of severe water shortages including one that our water supplier (SFPUC) has identified as a worst-case scenario. No investments in water supply alternatives are being recommended at this time and completion of this analysis concludes the action item in the S/CAP. This One Water analysis is a framework to evaluate all potential options for future water supply alternatives including both local and/or regional projects.

Staff recommends that any communications from the UAC on this topic will be included as an attachment to the information item transmitted to the City Council. The full One Water Report may be found here<sup>1</sup>: <https://portal.laserfiche.com/Portal/DocView.aspx?id=125164&repo=r-704298fc&searchid=0e3f45e5-66e3-4fe3-871f-e864f1b3dae0>

#### Advocacy and Recommendation to the City Council regarding SFPUC and BAWSCA

On December 4, 2024, representatives from the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) presented to the Utilities Advisory Commission (UAC) and addressed their questions. The UAC expressed interest in receiving more details from the SFPUC on their water supply planning activities. Consequently, Commissioner Tucher has drafted an additional letter specifically regarding follow-up with BAWSCA and SFPUC for the full UAC's consideration.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

A supplemental report will be published on March 3, 2025 with the two drafted letters.

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<sup>1</sup> UAC January 7, 2025, Staff Report 2407-3234;  
<https://portal.laserfiche.com/Portal/DocView.aspx?id=125164&repo=r-704298fc&searchid=0e3f45e5-66e3-4fe3-871f-e864f1b3dae0>