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**From:** Vice Mayor Frank Colonna, Chair, Federal Legislation and Environmental Affairs Committee

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The Federal Legislation and Environmental Affairs Committee, at its meeting held January 20, 2004, considered a communication relative to the above subject.

It is the recommendation of the Committee to the City Council that the communication be received and the proposed 2004 Federal Legislative Agenda adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

FEDERAL LEGISLATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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Prepared by:  
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Unanimous vote

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	<b>F. <u>Water Department:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support legislation and other initiatives that are feasible, equitable and employ accepted scientific industry standards, and oppose those which do not, to enhance the water quality and reliability of the City of Long Beach's Water Department.</li> <li>2. Support legislation and other initiatives to acquire Federal funds for ocean desalination, expanded use of reclaimed water, and other Long Beach Water Department projects.</li> <li>3. Support legislation and seek grants to fund new technology and equipment, improve existing technology and equipment, and replace obsolete technology and equipment for the Long Beach Water Department.</li> </ol>

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Title	Section
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	H. <b><u>Stormwater/Water Quality</u></b> : Support legislation and pursue funding for Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and federally mandated Municipal MS4 NPDES Permit compliance measures.

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