



Date: June 19, 2007
To: Mayor and Members of the City Council
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Subject: Request for Report from the Water Dept on Water Conservation Efforts

On Thursday, June 14, 2007, the Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners made a Declaration of Immediate Extraordinary Water Conservation, calling for an immediate voluntary increase in water conservation citywide, as a precaution, to forestall or lessen the local impact of a potential water supply shortage.

The Declaration was necessitated by a number of factors including an interruption in the supply of water from the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento Delta area to mitigate environmental concerns.

All customers (residential and business) are being urged to immediately increase water conservation efforts.

Recommendation:

Receive a report from the Water Department on conservation and education measures being implemented throughout the City, including information and resources being distributed to residents and businesses. Also, receive a report from the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department on water irrigation efficiency and conservation measures.

Request City Attorney to advise Council on an appropriate water conservation ordinance, which would place mandatory restrictions on certain water use activities and prohibit water waste.