



Date: July 1, 2008

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Tonia Reyes Uranga, Seventh District *(TRU)*

Subject: **AGENDA ITEM: Request Update and Status of Bimonthly Utility Meter Reading**

As part of the City's three-year plan to bring the City into structural balance, in April 2005, the City began a program of bimonthly utility meter reading and averaging monthly utility usage. The program was designed to save money by having Edison employees only read utility meters every other month. The cost savings of changing to the program at that time were estimated to be \$1 million per year.

I request that the City Manager prepare a report on the effectiveness of the bi-monthly utility meter reading program. Specifically I would ask that the following issues be addressed:

- How residents that are billed in the estimated month as over baseline usage and then are subsequently found to have only used baseline usage are adjusted to reflect only baseline usage for both months.
- Actual cost saving achieved by bimonthly meter reading.
- Customer's reaction to program since initiation

RECOMMENDATION: Request report on effectiveness and veracity of bimonthly utility meter reading.