

Transition2017



TO: Finance & Governance Committee
FROM: Joe Berg, Chair
DATE: March 1, 2017
SUBJECT: DWR Inquiry

Recommendation:

Assign a small group to work with DWR and Partnership staff on a potential scope of work.

Background:

Peter Brostrom recently contacted me to discuss the proposed long-term water use efficiency framework. He asked if the Council would be willing to contract with DWR to create a more detailed framework for compliance with the CII component of the framework and to conduct workshops to educate water agencies on compliance. The initial focus would be on separating mixed use meters in landscapes.

This seems like it could be a good opportunity; however, I think it would be good for this committee to discuss this further. Among other things, this will have staff workload impacts.

Peter has funding available now. He would like us to put together a scope of work, budget and schedule for their consideration within the next month or so. He wants to encumber the funding before the end of his budget year.

He mentioned:

- A limited agency survey to frame approaches to compliance
- Methods on how to conduct CII surveys/audits
- Methods/techniques to separate indoor water use from outdoor use
- Workshops

When the final report is completed we will need to review the CII components. We may also want to monitor any upcoming legislation to make sure we are responsive to what comes out of that process.