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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: OCTOBER 4, 2024

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

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SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT TO THE LAS VIRGENES MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, WATER SUPPLY RELIABILITY AND DIVERSIFICATION STUDY

MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 23, 2024

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council consider appointing a Council Liaison/External Committee representative to the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, Water Supply Reliability and Diversification Study sessions.

BACKGROUND:

The Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (LVMWD) is seeking collaboration with neighboring cities to conduct a comprehensive study aimed at identifying alternatives to diversify the District's water supply portfolio. The goal is to enhance the reliability of the water supply for customers in a cost-effective and environmentally sustainable manner, particularly in response to varying water supply conditions.

The study seeks to address key questions regarding the District's water supply strategy, including:

- What is the reliability of the current water supply?

- To what degree should the District rely on the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) versus local or non-MWD sources?
- How reliable are alternative water supplies?
- What are the realistic timelines for planning and implementing various alternative supply options?
- What are the costs associated with the optimal supply portfolio, and how will it impact the average customer's water bill?
- What is the most feasible and optimal water supply portfolio, both in the near-term and long-term?

The District values the input of city leaders on current supply reliability initiatives and strategies to adapt to climate change. As part of this effort, stakeholders will serve in a multi-liaison taskforce, participating in three workshops beginning this November, with two more workshops planned for 2025. Additionally, participants may be invited to engage in one-on-one Zoom sessions to provide focused feedback.

CONCLUSION:

The active participation of neighboring city stakeholders is critical to ensuring the success of this study. By bringing together diverse perspectives and expertise, the District aims to develop a water supply strategy that is resilient, cost-effective, and environmentally sustainable, benefiting both the community and the region as a whole. The insights gathered from this collaborative process will help shape future decisions, ensuring a reliable and adaptive water supply for years to come.

This item meets the objective of City Council Future Agenda Items Prioritization Item C. 4. – Formation of a water taskforce on equitable access to water.

FISCAL IMPACT/SOURCE OF FUNDING:

There is no fiscal impact related to this item.

REQUESTED ACTION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

None.