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AGENDA ITEM # 6

TO: Environmental Commission

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SUBJECT: Receive report on water conservation and drought measures

BACKGROUND

The Environmental Commission determined methods for achieving the State's goals for reductions in water consumption. To this effort, the Commission continues to: 1) review and report on water conservation efforts within Santa Clara County; 2) explore model water conservation ordinances and enforcement procedures; 3) gather water consumption data from the City of Los Altos water retailer, Cal Water; 4) formulate water consumption data to display annual and monthly usage in the Climate Action Plan Dashboard; 5) provide education and outreach efforts to residents and commercial establishments in Los Altos; 6) utilize resources from the Santa Clara County Valley Water District; and 7) analyze the provisions in the current City of Los Altos Water Conservation Resolution to determine the effectiveness of water reduction efforts.

At the June 9, 2015 Council meeting, Council adopted Resolution No. 2015-15 for Water Conservation Measures. At the June 23, 2015 Council meeting, Council approved the City of Los Altos agency municipal operations water conservation efforts and approved Level 3 water reduction measures and prioritization.

Effective June 1, 2015, California Water Service (CWS), the Los Altos local water retailer, commenced implementation of Rule 14.1 reduction mandates and monthly water budget allocations for individual water users along with enforcement measures for meeting a 32% reduction in water usage for residents, businesses and for City municipal operations.

DISCUSSION

The issue of Water Conservation and drought measures will continue to be reviewed. Reports and updates on status of the drought and water conservation efforts will be presented and, in addition, the Commission will monitor on the status of water data metrics provided by CWS for use in the CAP Dashboard.

Attachments: None