


CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
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TO: Mayor and City Manager
FROM: Councilman Ron Nirenberg 
SUBJECT: Comprehensive Water Policy Report
DATE: April 10, 2014

Dear Mayor Castro and City Manager Sculley:

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide additional guidance on the report requested in my CCR filed February 10. As stated in the April 2 San Antonio Water System briefing to Council on water management, citywide policy questions need to be addressed to aid planning at SAWS and the city. This report should provide the information necessary for current and future Councilmembers to make informed decisions about our city's future as it relates to the availability and affordability of water.

Specifically, the report on San Antonio policies impacting water supply planning should address the following:

- 1) Historic and projected population growth and water demand;
- 2) Historic and projected costs for supplying and delivering water in the service area;
- 3) Summary of the governing bodies involved in San Antonio's water supply and the authority delegated by each of those bodies;
- 4) City Code provisions and city planning strategies that impact projections for water demand, availability, and costs;
- 5) Summary risk assessment of existing and proposed water sources, including natural, developmental, and potential conflicting interest factors in the region, along with current mitigating activities;
- 6) Overview of next step policy questions that City Council must consider in order to articulate a Comprehensive Growth Plan that includes available and affordable water through 2050.

This report will help Council as we consider our long-term growth strategy and strive to maintain an exemplary financial position, provide basic services for residents, strengthen economic development, coordinate planning initiatives, and encourage conservation.