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Title: A Briefing by the San Antonio Water System (SAWS) on the draft SAWS 2017 Water Management Plan. [Robert R. Puente, SAWS President & CEO]

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DEPARTMENT: Finance Department

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SUMMARY: A briefing by SAWS on the draft *2017 Water Management Plan* summarizing the refinements to the water supply and demand projections.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On January 10, 2017, SAWS kicked off the 2017 Water Management Plan (2017 WMP) process in a briefing to the SAWS Board of Trustees. Briefings during the WMP process were provided to The San Antonio City Council Transportation, Technology and Utilities Committee on two separate occasions, February 8 and April 12, 2017. Along with providing updates to the SAWS Board of Trustees and San Antonio City Council, SAWS has kept the community involved in the process through a more active outreach program throughout the development of the draft 2017 WMP, meeting with neighborhood and interest groups, business leaders and various individuals to gain their feedback on San Antonio's water future. The draft 2017 WMP is the latest iteration of SAWS long term planning process, formally updated every 5 years. The draft 2017 WMP continues two-pronged approach of implementing demand management and supply diversification, including revised population projections, progressive consumption goals, incorporation of recent drought information and its influence on water supply availability. After meeting with numerous groups and individuals, the draft 2017 WMP was publically released in late June, and is open for public comment through August 15. A final version will be presented to the SAWS Board of Trustees for consideration on September 12, 2017.

Additional focus was placed on information to fine tune the draft 2017 WMP including, among other things: demand by customer class, review of existing water supply agreements and the efficacy of continuing those agreements beyond existing terms, the potential of regulatory impacts and any long

term implications to groundwater supplies, integration of new water supplies, climatic conditions, projects that merit further consideration, financial analysis and community input.

This draft 2017 WMP lays the foundation for San Antonio's water future. The growth and economic prosperity of San Antonio will not be limited by a lack of available water. This draft 2017 WMP outlines San Antonio's water security through 2070 with near term supplies already under construction and long term sources identified. A city with only one source of water and a limited water supply future as recently as the late 1990's now has a diversified water supply portfolio with water security long into the future.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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ISSUE:

SAWS will provide a briefing on the draft 2017 Water Management Plan.

ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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