



STAFF REPORT

DATE: 05/21/2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Utilities Department

2025-209

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

SUBJECT:

COUNCIL MEMBER SPEAKE'S REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL WASTEWATER AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE CHANGE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This staff report asks the City Council to provide direction on Council Member Speake's request to consider updating the Western Riverside County Regional Wastewater Authority Representatives.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the City Council provide direction to staff on drafting a new resolution that would allow the Mayor to appoint the City of Corona's representatives and alternates for the Western Riverside County Regional Wastewater Authority's Board of Directors and Executive Committee. This new resolution would repeal Resolution No. 2022-018.

BACKGROUND & HISTORY:

On March 5, 2025, Council Member Speake submitted a request for a future agenda item to consider a Western Riverside County Regional Wastewater Authority (WRCRWA) Representative change allowing the Mayor to appoint the representative for board consistency.

Resolution No. 2022-018 currently designates the Mayor and the Department of Water and Power's General Manager to act as Corona's representatives on the WCRWA Board of Directors and Executive Committee. The resolution further designated and appointed Corona's Vice Mayor to act as the Mayor's alternate and the Operations Manager to act as the General Manager's alternate.

ANALYSIS:

A new resolution allowing the Mayor to appoint the WRCRWA representatives for the City would be consistent with other board appointments and provide an opportunity for appointed board members to be knowledgeable and engaged in the affairs of the WRCRWA Joint Powers Authority. Additional edits within the resolution would also need to be addressed, including language to update the position titles for the Utilities Director and Assistant Utilities Director as Corona's non-City Council representatives.

Staff would need to spend approximately four hours drafting a new resolution and staff report to present at a future City Council meeting for consideration.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The recommended action is depending on council direction. Should the City Council direct staff to move forward with a new Resolution, it would result in minimal staff cost, with approximately four hours spent drafting, reviewing, and presenting the item to the Council at a future meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

This action is exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which states that a project is exempt from CEQA if the activity is covered by the commonsense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. This action seeks direction for future Council action regarding a resolution to update the City's WRCRWA representatives, and there is no possibility that this direction will have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, no environmental analysis is required.

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