



WATER DEPARTMENT

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Mr. Don Lane, Mayor
809 Center Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Dear Mayor Lane and members of the Santa Cruz City Council:

The 14 members of the Water Supply Advisory Committee are pleased to submit their final report of unanimous agreements and recommendations to the Santa Cruz City Council.

A year and a half ago, the Council charged this Committee with developing recommendations for the Council's consideration that would ensure City water customers would have access to a safe, adequate, reliable, affordable and environmentally sustainable water supply. The Council asked that the Committee complete its work using an iterative, fact-based process, that explored the City's water profile, including supply, demand and future risks; analyzed potential solutions and developed agreements and recommendations.

The Council chose Committee members to represent the diverse opinions and passions seen among citizens of Santa Cruz and its water users and to provide a wide range of expertise and experience. Our Committee, along with Ex Officio member and Water Department Director Rosemary Menard, worked hard to develop a solution to a highly complex and uncertain problem. The solution we have agreed on proposes an initial course of action combined with an ongoing decision process designed to adapt to changing circumstances. We believe that, if implemented as recommended, this approach will significantly improve Santa Cruz's water supply within the next 10 years and have our community firmly on the path to water sufficiency and reliability in the long term.

With many thanks for this opportunity to serve you and the citizens of Santa Cruz,

Sincerely,



Peter Beckman, Representative from Think Local First

Doug Engfer, City Resident

David Green Baskin, Chairperson of the Santa Cruz Water Commission

Sue Holt, Non-City Resident Water Customer

Dana Jacobson, City Resident

Charlie Keutmann, City Resident

Rick Longinotti, Representative from Santa Cruz Desalination Alternatives

Sarah Mansergh, Representative from Surfrider Foundation

Mark Mesiti-Miller, Representative from the Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce

Greg Pepping, Representative from the Coastal Watershed Council

Mike Rotkin, Representative from the Santa Cruz Sustainable Water Coalition

Sid Slatter, Representative from the Santa Cruz County Business Council

Erica Stanojevic, Representative from the Sierra Club

David Sterns, Santa Cruz Water Commissioner

Rosemary Menard, Santa Cruz Water Director (ex officio/non-voting member)