

Summary of Wastewater-Reuse Related Amendments to the Water Resources Policy Plan Alternatives

The following summarizes the alternative amendments to the *Water Resources Policy Plan's* chapter on "An Integrated Strategy for Water Resources", after the Finance section on page 43:

Item	Alternative 1: No Regional Cost Share	Alternative 2: Includes Regional Cost Share <u>Based on Regional Environmental and Development Benefits</u>	Alternative 3: Includes Regional Cost Share <u>Based on Regional Wastewater System Benefit Only</u>
Wastewater Reuse Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reclaimed water cost: cost-of-service, case-by-case basis; no regional cost share • Cooperate and partner with local communities • Pursue sources of non-Council funding • Project is consistent with host community's comprehensive plan • Council may enter into a joint powers or other agreement with the host community for the reclaimed water service • Council shall enter into a long-term reclaimed water service agreement with each user 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reclaimed water cost: cost-of-service, case-by-case basis • Cooperate and partner with local communities • If regional environmental and development benefits exist, implement a regional cost share • Cap the cumulative regional cost share of all reuse projects at maximum of 0.75% of total annual municipal wastewater charges (approximately\$1.65M or \$1/REC) • Pursue sources of non-Council funding • Project is consistent with host community's comprehensive plan • Council may enter into a joint powers or other agreement with the host community for the reclaimed water service • Council shall enter into a long-term reclaimed water service agreement with each user 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reclaimed water cost: cost-of-service, case-by-case basis • Cooperate and partner with local communities • If regional wastewater system benefit exists, implement regional cost share • Cap the cumulative regional cost share of all reuse projects at maximum of 0.75% of total annual municipal wastewater charges (approximately\$1.65M or \$1/REC) • Pursue sources of non-Council funding • Project is consistent with host community's comprehensive plan • Council may enter into a joint powers or other agreement with the host community for the reclaimed water service • Council shall enter into a long-term reclaimed water service agreement with each user
Regional Benefit Criteria & Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not applicable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional environmental and development benefits of reuse project: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) increases region's wastewater reuse capability (2) fosters region's environmental sustainability, <u>and</u> (3) fosters regional economic development (job creation and/or uniquely adding to the region's industrial/business portfolio) that would not happen without reclaimed water. • Council public hearing to obtain public input prior to final determination on regional benefit and regional cost share. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional wastewater system benefit from a wastewater reuse project: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) regional wastewater system has been built to serve long-term growth in a sub-regional service area and the Department of Natural Resources has stated that issuance of a water appropriation would involve a complex and protracted process due to concerns about the area's long-term water supply, <u>and/or</u> (2) project reduces MCES' surface water discharge, delaying capital improvements to meet more stringent regulatory requirements • Council public hearing to obtain public input prior to final determination on regional benefit and regional cost share.