

# Information Item: Summary of Outreach Meetings on Water Resources Policy Plan

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# Revised Schedule

December 2014	Revise Policy Plan
January 2015	Authorize Public Hearing
March 2015	Public Hearing
April 2015	Adopt Policy Plan

# Outreach Meeting Summaries

## Quick Stats

- Three successful forums
- Over 95 attendees
- Over 250 comments received
- 7 emails and letters received by November 14
- Use of posters well received

# Outreach Meetings - Common Themes

- Overall themes
  - Collaboration is good
  - Need for inclusivity
  - Need for technical and funding assistance in all areas
  - Perception of overlapping roles with state agencies

# Outreach Meetings - Common Themes

- Surface Water

- Reduce overlap
- One stop shop for permitting
- Concentrate on implementation
- Technical and financial assistance –share data and resources
- Need to address agricultural influences to make progress
- Like holistic view of water
- Need to coordinate with Parks planning, transit oriented development work

# Outreach Meetings - Common Themes

- Water Supply
  - Need for education on reuse and conservation
  - Optimizing sources
  - Sensitivity to city needs
  - Infrastructure reliability
  - Joint planning and collaboration needed
  - Need for technical and financial assistance
  - Less focus on surface water as the solution, more on alternatives and conservation
  - No “one size fits all” approach
  - Need to fully explain the problem we are trying to solve
  - Incentives needed to make change

# Outreach Meetings - Common Themes

- Wastewater

- More definition on reuse needed
- More inflow and infiltration assistance
- Infrastructure reliability consideration
- Address pressure to infiltrate storm water and reduce inflow and infiltration
- Provide education on wastewater issues
- Agree with proposed rate structure and related policy

# Outreach Meetings - Common Themes

- Sewer Availability Charge (SAC) Credit Concept (for housing):
  - Keep SAC as is
  - If SAC credit for housing, make it available anywhere in community
  - Many concerns with using SAC for affordable housing
  - Looking for other options for equity advancement and affordable housing
  - Some support for SAC credit, more opposed than supportive