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

*Text in Blue is different from Alternative 1*

| Item | ALTERNATIVE 1  
No Regional Cost Share | ALTERNATIVE 2  
Includes Regional Cost Share Based on Regional Environmental and Economic Benefits | ALTERNATIVE 3  
Includes Regional Cost Share Based on Regional Wastewater System Benefit Only |
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| WASTEWATER REUSE POLICY | • 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 | • Reclaimed water cost: cost-of-service, case-by-case basis  
• Cooperate and partner with local communities  
• If regional environmental and economic 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)  
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| REGIONAL BENEFIT CRITERIA & PROCESS | • Not applicable | • Regional environmental and economic benefits of reuse project:  
1. Increases region’s wastewater reuse capability  
2. Fosters region’s environmental sustainability, and  
3. Fosters economic growth for a prosperous region (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 | • Regional wastewater system benefit from a wastewater reuse project:  
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, and/or  
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 |