

Los Angeles City Council, **Journal/Council Proceedings**

Friday, **July 15, 2011**

John Ferraro Council Chamber, Room 340, City Hall - 10:15 am

**- - - SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - - -**

10:15 A.M. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER  
AS COUNCIL RECESSES ITS REGULAR MEETING

**ROLL CALL - Members present: Alarcón, Cárdenas, Englander, Hahn, Koretz, Krekorian, LaBonge, Parks, Perry, Rosendahl, Zine and President Garcetti (12); Absent: Huizar, Reyes and Wesson (3)**

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ROLL CALL NUMBER (#) - INDICATES THE ORDER IN WHICH THE ITEMS WERE ACTED UPON DURING THE COUNCIL MEETING

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**Item for Which Public Hearing Has Been Held - Item 15**

**ITEM NO. (15) - ADOPTED, AS AMENDED - TO THE MAYOR FORTHWITH - SEE FOLLOWING**

**Roll Call #1 - Adopted as Amended, Ayes (11); Noes: Hahn (1); Absent: Huizar, Reyes and Wesson (3)**

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ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) adopted Statewide Once-Through Cooling (OTC) policy that requires operators of power plants that use OTC to minimize its use in order to reduce environmental impacts.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Perry - Reyes):

1. REQUEST that the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) report to the Council in 15 days relative to the OTC policy and the proposed amendment to the policy which the SWRCB plans to consider on July 19, 2011.
2. INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to report as to the financial impact of the existing OTC policy and the proposed amendment to the policy on the LADWP's operations.
3. REQUEST that the representatives from the SWRCB participate in any Council hearings of the OTC matter to provide information as to the existing OTC policy and the proposed amendment to the policy.

4. INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to prepare and present an amending Motion on the Council floor on July 15, 2011 that reflects the concerns and outstanding issues expressed during the discussion of this item by the Energy and Environment Committee on July 12, 2011 and to request that the SWRCB, if deemed appropriate, consider postponing action on this matter to allow the City to fully consider the environmental and financial impacts of the OTC policy.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO or the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

## **ADOPTED**

### **AMENDING MOTION (PERRY - KORETZ - KREKORIAN - PARKS - ENGLANDER)**

**Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:**

**ADOPT the following Recommendations, in lieu of the Recommendations contained in the report:**

1. **RESOLVE that the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2011-12 State Legislative Program:**
  - a. **Support for the City of Los Angeles/Department of Water and Power (LADWP) proposed amendment to the Water Quality Control Policy on the Use of Coastal and Estuarine Waters for Power Plant Cooling scheduled to be considered by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on July 19, 2011 - which consists of eliminating Once-Through Cooling (OTC) at the Haynes, Harbor and Scattergood power plants from 2013 through 2035.**
  - b. **Urge the SWRCB to include a re-opener clause to the amended policy, five years from the date of adoption, that reviews the status of the LADWP's repowering implementation/OTC elimination schedule and determine if there is a need for modification, and that this review consider the following components:**
    - 1) **Best available alternative technologies that are cost-effective, efficient, maintain system reliability and can expedite the elimination of OTC at remaining power plant units.**
    - 2) **Status of marine life restoration and the preservation of habitat.**
2. **REQUEST/INSTRUCT the LADWP, Chief Legislative Analyst, City Administrative Officer, and any relevant Department, to work with local environmental organizations and interested stakeholders to develop a local Marine Life Restoration and Preservation Plan that consists of projects supported by the LADWP to mitigate the impacts of OTC on marine life along the City's coastal region and report to the Council in 60 days on its status.**

**ADOPTED**

**AMENDING MOTION (PERRY - KREKORIAN)**

**Recommendation for Council action:**

**INCLUDE the following instruction:**

**INSTRUCT the LADWP to report back in 15 days on the following:**

- a. Basis of the claimed six percent rate adjustment to the Ratepayer associated with 2020 OTC compliance plan.**
- b. Basis for the power plant system reliability concerns associated with the 2020 OTC compliance plan.**
- c. Basis for the physically infeasible claim from the LADWP to comply with the 2020 OTC compliance plan.**

**Whereupon the Special Council meeting did adjourn.**

ATTEST: June Lagmay, CITY CLERK

By

Council Clerk

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL