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The Water Commission is an advisory body to the City Council that meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. All meetings are open to the public.

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**TORRANCE WATER COMMISSION AGENDA  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2024  
REGULAR MEETING  
6:30 P.M.**

**WEST ANNEX COMMISSION MEETING ROOM  
AT 3031 TORRANCE BOULEVARD  
TORRANCE, CA 90503**

**WATER COMMISSION MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM  
LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL:** Commission Members: Deemer, Jay, Masnek, Mazinani, Stecker, Thomas, and Chair Siani

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

**3. REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Bl. and on the City's Website on Thursday, August 22, 2024.

**4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

**5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to a 15-minute period)**

*This portion of the meeting is reserved for public comment on items on the agenda or on topics of interest to the general public. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, Commissioners cannot act on items raised during public comment but may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed; request clarification; or refer the item to staff. Speakers under this Public Comment period will have no longer than 1 minute per speaker.*

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

*Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed by a Commissioner from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.*

**6A. Approval of Minutes –**

Regular Meeting June 26, 2024.

**7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

*Matters listed under Administrative Matters are considered separately. Comments by members of the public on each item are limited to a maximum of 1 minute per item. Speakers must stay on topic and confine their comments to the item under consideration.*

**7A. Presentation and Discussion – Consideration of the 2024 Water Rate Study and Proposed Water Rate Adjustments for the Five-Year Period 2025 through 2029**

Recommendation of the Deputy Public Works Director, Operations that the Water Commission accept and file this presentation.

**7B. Discussion – Monthly Water Operations Report**

Recommendation of the Deputy Public Works Director, Operations that the Water Commission accept and file this report.

**8. METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT MATTERS**

**8A. Metropolitan Water District Director’s Report**

Recommendation of the Deputy Public Works Director, Operations that the Water Commission accept and file this report.

**9. COMMISSION AND STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**10A.** Adjournment date for the next Water Commission Meeting to be determined

**TO: WATER COMMISSION**  
**FROM: MATTHEW KNAPP, DEPUTY PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR - OPERATIONS**  
**SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF THE 2024 WATER RATE STUDY AND PROPOSED ANNUAL WATER RATE ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD 2025 THROUGH 2029**

At the June Commission meeting, staff provided an introductory overview presentation on historical and current rates, the rate setting process, Proposition 218 requirements, cost of service (COS) considerations and current capital improvements. In addition, the presentation included a rate comparison with other water agencies in our area including; Inglewood, Golden State Water Company (GWS), LA Department of Water and Power (LADWP), Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Santa Monica and various local districts of the California Water Service Company (CWSC). The comparison showed that monthly water bills for single family (SFR) customers for these other agencies in our area were on average approximately 80% higher than TMW single family customers.

In January 2024, the City retained Raffelis Financial Consultants, Inc (RFC) to develop a comprehensive water rate study and capital funding study for the five-year rate period of 2025 through 2029. RFC developed an interactive rate model that covers the five-year period through 2029. The model analyzes detailed information on revenues, operation and maintenance costs (O&M), debt service, the proposed capital improvement program, cash flow, cost of service parameters and proposed rate levels.

Our consultant, in conjunction with staff, will provide a comprehensive presentation on the proposed rate plan for the TMW service area over the next five years. A series of rate adjustments during this period will be needed to cover increased operating costs, fund infrastructure replacement and refurbishments, meet new regulatory requirements, maintain adequate reserve levels and develop local water resource projects that reduce dependence on imported water and reduce water supply costs. Even with the proposed water rate increase, it is expected that TMW rates will remain the lowest or among the lowest in our area, since these other agencies will also be adjusting their rates to offset higher costs.

Additional information to be forthcoming.

  
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Matthew Knapp  
Deputy Public Works Director - Operations

**Roll Call:** \_\_\_\_\_ Deemer \_\_\_\_\_ Jay \_\_\_\_\_ Masnek \_\_\_\_\_ Mazinani  
\_\_\_\_\_ Stecker \_\_\_\_\_ Thomas \_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson Siani

**TO: WATER COMMISSION**  
**FROM: MATTHEW KNAPP, DEPUTY PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR - OPERATIONS**  
**SUBJECT: ACCEPT AND FILE MONTHLY WATER OPERATIONS REPORT FOR AUGUST 2024**

It is the recommendation of the Deputy Public Works Director - Operations that the Water Commission accept and file this report.

Monthly Water Department highlights for the month of July 2024 are:

1. Total potable water produced from local potable sources is 40.5% higher than in July 2023. On a year-to-date basis, total potable water is 8.9% higher than last year and total water produced from all sources, including recycled water is 8.0% higher than in 2023.

**Water Produced and Imported (Acre-feet)**

Month: July			
Water Source	July 2023	July 2024	Change
Potable Groundwater			
Wells*	0.0	441.4	-
WRD Desalter*	340.2	36.7	-89.2%
Subtotal	340.2	478.1	40.5%
Imported Potable			
MWD	1,217.3	1,330.2	9.3%
Imported Recycled			
WBMWD	484.0	463.8	-4.2%
<b>Total Produced/Imported</b>			
All Potable Sources	1,557.5	1,808.3	16.1%
All Sources + Recycled	2,041.5	2,272.0	11.3%

Year to Date: 2023 vs 2024			
Water Source	2023 YTD	2024 YTD	Change
Potable Groundwater			
Wells	145.2	1,905.6	1212.1%
WRD Desalter	1,941.2	1,326.5	-31.7%
Subtotal	2,086.5	3,232.1	54.9%
Imported Potable			
MWD	8,075.9	7,834.1	-3.0%
Imported Recycled			
WBMWD	2,728.0	2,857.6	4.8%
All Potable Sources	10,162.4	11,066.2	8.9%
All Sources + Recycled	12,890.3	13,923.8	8.0%

\*data estimate based on production reads

2. There were 5 water main breaks for the month of July 2024, same as July 2023. Total main breaks for calendar year 2024 are 17 compared to 23 in 2023.
3. Goldsworthy Desalter was partially shut down due to problems with the City Yard well and the well in Delthorne Park. The Delthorne Park well has since been repaired. Our current projection is that the wells will be producing approximately 200 to 250 acre feet (AF) per month to prevent premature loss of production in wells due to over pumping. The Water Replenishment District (WRD) continues to work on offsite work for the Desalter expansion project. In addition, WRD is planning to begin preliminary construction work in Fall 2024.
4. TMW is in the process of purchasing a permanent blower and scrubber system. We are currently producing water from all 3 wells, including well #9, 10 and 11 on a phased approach. Last month, our production reached a new high of 440 AF and if sustained, we would reach our annual target of 5,000 AFY.

  
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 Matthew Knapp  
 Deputy Public Works Director, Operations

**Roll Call:**    \_\_\_\_\_ **Deemer**    \_\_\_\_\_ **Jay**    \_\_\_\_\_ **Masnek**    \_\_\_\_\_ **Mazinani**  
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