



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: April 11, 2017

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Water Resources Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Introduction Of Ordinance For Agreement To Use Recycled Water For Irrigation At The First Baptist Church Of Santa Barbara At 949 Veronica Springs Road

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council introduce and subsequently adopt, by reading of title only, An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Approving the Agreement Between the City of Santa Barbara and the First Baptist Church of Santa Barbara for Purchase, Use, and Delivery of the City's Recycled Water.

DISCUSSION:

Pursuant to the City of Santa Barbara's (City) Waste Discharge Permit, the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board requires that the City have a recycled water user agreement with each site that uses the City's recycled water. The First Baptist Church of Santa Barbara has requested to enter into an Agreement to Use Recycled Water (User Agreement) with the City for irrigation of landscaping at their site located at 949 Veronica Springs Road, Santa Barbara, California.

The First Baptist Church property includes approximately 72,000 square feet of landscaped area that is currently irrigated with potable water. The landscaping consists largely of water wise native and Mediterranean species, as well as a lawn surrounding the playground which has stopped being watered during the drought.

If approved by Council, the User Agreement will be recorded in the Official Records of the County of Santa Barbara to give notice of its existence in the future to any interested party. Staff has reviewed the User Agreement and recommends that Council adopt the subject Ordinance approving the User Agreement as required by the City Charter.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

All sites using recycled water for irrigation and other approved uses offset the need for potable water. Recycled water serves an important role in the diversity of the City's water supplies and is used at over 50 sites throughout the City. The annual demand for recycled water can be as high as 1,100 acre feet, with peak summer day demand approaching 2.5 million gallons per day.

At its meeting on March 16, 2017, the Water Commission voted 4-0-1 in support of the staff's recommendations.

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APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office