AGENDA DATE: February 5, 2008

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Water Resources Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Water Conservation Requirements For New Construction And Renovations At City Facilities

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt, by reading of title only, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Approving the Water Conservation Requirements for New Construction and Renovations at City Facilities.

DISCUSSION:

The City relies on water conservation as an important part of our water supply strategy. Over the past fifteen years, the City has been retrofitting and upgrading existing City facilities with the most water conserving fixtures and technology, providing valuable experience and assurance with all of the elements of the proposed requirements. The Water Conservation Requirements for New Construction and Renovations at City Facilities will insure that all future City Facilities and renovations are constructed with state-of-the-art water conservation fixtures and technology.

Both the City’s Water Commission and Sustainability Council Committee have reviewed and approved the proposed requirements.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The Water Conservation Requirements meet the water conservation elements of City Council policy, in accordance with the City’s Green Building Policy, Resolution No. 07-018. The new requirements will expand the use of advanced water conservation technology for irrigation and plumbing in the construction and renovation of City facilities.