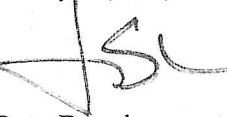




CITY OF SAN DIEGO
MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 23, 2009

TO: Council President Ben Hueso
City Council
Independent Budget Analyst (IBA)

FROM: Mayor Jerry Sanders 

SUBJECT: Docketing of Water Rate Development

The City Council's *Water Action Day* on October 5, 2009 resulted in the scheduling of an update on rate model development from Public Utilities Department and Raftelis Financial Consultant, the City's contract rate model development consultant for the October 28, 2009 Natural Resources and Culture Committee.

On October 15, 2009 a request by Council member Donna Frye to advance that update to the Council meeting of October 26, 2009, was received by my staff. We immediately notified your office and Council member Frye's that Raftelis was not available due to a previously scheduled court appearance in Northern California.

Despite this, item was still docketed for October 26, 2009 with the further request that Raftelis attend the originally scheduled Natural Resources and Culture Committee on October 28, 2009. I trust this clarification addresses your memo of October 20, 2009.

In addition, the Public Utilities Department has been reviewing and will continue to evaluate water budget based tiered rates for possible implementation to further influence water conservation. As the stakeholder meetings go forward to receive customer input, I will extend an invitation to the IBA to participate.

As you are aware, water supply reliability, water efficiency and fair and equitable rates are priorities of mine. I am committed to continue working on improvements in those areas and look forward to working with the City Council to accomplish our shared goals.