



**CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
INFORMATION ITEM**

Item No. PWC 09-30

SUBMITTED TO: Chairman McGovern and Members of the Commission

SUBMITTED BY: Travis K. Hopkins, PE, Director of Public Works

DATE: August 19, 2009

SUBJECT: Water Quality Committee

Analysis: On August 3, 2009, the City Council approved the elimination of the Water Quality Committee and assigned the responsibilities to the Public Works Commission. The purpose of the original City Council Water Quality Committee was to work to protect the water quality in the channels of Huntington Harbour and the proposed Bolsa Chica Harbour.

History:

On February 20, 2002, the first Focus Group for the 2002 Water Quality Element was held, which included five subsequent, full-team meetings and four subsequent sub-committee meetings. The Focus Group members included the Mayor and two Councilmembers, four community representatives and three staff members.

The Focus Group provided an opportunity to develop a balanced program, solicited diversified input and developed a consensus of support to ensure that the City's plans were accepted and successfully implemented. The Citywide Urban Runoff Management Plan (CURMP) included Water Quality and Drainage Elements. The CURMP provides a broad framework for managing the quantity and quality of all urban runoff that reaches receiving waters from the land surfaces and through the storm drain system within the City. The Water Quality Element of the CURMP focuses primarily on managing runoff quality, while the Drainage Element addresses flood hazards and inconveniences.

The Focus Group evolved into the City Council Water Quality Sub-Committee in 2005. The Sub-Committee consisted of three City Councilmembers and met on a quarterly basis. The Sub-Committee served as an advisory body on all Water Quality issues. The Sub-Committee had numerous speakers from various agencies, consultants for water quality treatments and staff to give informational items and updates on policy regulations and projects. The Sub-Committee gave recommendations to staff regarding projects and policy items.

Staff will be providing a presentation to provide an overview of the Public Works Commission's new responsibilities regarding water quality.