

**DWP/Neighborhood Council Meeting
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Highlights**

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Sabrina Tsui, Waterworks Engineer, presented plans for the development of LADWP's *2020 Urban Water Management Plan*. This plan is required every five years under state law as a precondition for water-related state loans and grants for agencies serving more than 3000 customers or delivering more than 3,000 acre-feet of water per year (AFY). Stakeholder involvement is part of the plan and will include workshops, facility tours, project site visits, webinars and staff interactions. The final plan will gather information from a number of sources including the *Groundwater Replenishment Master Planning Report* (aka Toilet to Tap, aka Showers to Flowers), the *Groundwater System Improvement Study*, stormwater capture, and *LA's Green New Deal*. Earthquake vulnerabilities to outside water supplies, both the Los Angeles Aqueduct and from the Metropolitan Water District, are key drivers in the planning process. Not all water planning proposals are mutually consistent. For example, Ms. Tsui mentioned increasing the amount of purple pipe (non-potable water that can be used for irrigation and other purposes) in the City whereas the new General Manager in a recent LADWP/NC meeting mentioned elimination of purple pipe with all wastewater treated to tap usage standards. Overriding planning for the City's future water needs is the ongoing reduction in total water consumption in the City: 620,000 AFY in 1985; 521,000 AFY in 2015; and 488,000 AFY for fiscal year 2018/19. The final plan is scheduled for approval in the second quarter of 2021.

In the wake of apparent conflicts of interest in efforts to correct mistakes in billings following installation of new billing software, Mayor Garcetti has proposed creation of an LADWP Inspector General (IG). Garcetti asked USC Professor Daniel Schnur to investigate and make recommendations about creation of such a post. Prof. Schnur forwarded a letter to the mayor on January 13 with his findings. Included are the need to educate the people of Los Angeles to understand DWP's operations including creation of a Joint Oversight Committee with representation from a broad spectrum of governmental officials and the public; the need for the DWP Board to have additional staff support; more effective workforce development and workplace conduct awareness; and the need for true independence for any IG. There are City Charter restrictions encumbering the creation of an IG such that creation of the position outside the DWP would need voter approval of a Charter amendment.