

Section 2 – Approach to Responding to Comments

Prior to the June 9, 2003 City Council study session, the City received comments on the Addendum in three formats: 1) written correspondence (i.e., letters); 2) e-mails; 3) telephone calls. At the June 9 study session, the City Council heard technical presentations by four individuals: Dr. Paul Loftholm and Dr. Martin Atkinson-Barr (invited by a citizen's group called Safewater Coalition) and Dr. David Spath and Dr. Joseph Cotruvo (invited by City staff). The City Council also received oral and written testimony from the public at the study session. The approach to responding to these various types of comments is as follows.

Section 3 of this document includes Master Responses to comments that fall into common topic areas.

Section 4 of this document addresses the letters, e-mails, and telephone calls received on the Addendum. A list of these comment documents in chronological order by date written is provided. Copies of the letters and e-mails are included, as are responses to those documents, where appropriate. Each comment document is identified by a letter in the top margin of the page. Individual comments are labeled with a reference number in the margin. Responses follow at the end of the comment documents and use a corresponding identification system.

Most of these comment documents express either support or opposition to the project, but do not raise significant environmental issues about the project or the Addendum. A substantive response to such comments is not required nor appropriate within the context of CEQA. Therefore, these comments are responded to with a "comment acknowledged" reference. "Comment acknowledged" indicates that the comment will be forwarded (by its inclusion in this document) to the City Council for its review and consideration in its deliberations on the project.

Section 5 of this document includes summaries of the four technical presentations made at the Council study session. The complete transcript of the presentations and study session may be obtained from the City Clerk's office, or by visiting the City's website: <http://www.redwoodcity.org/water/index.html>. This section also includes the City's response to the presentations of Dr. Paul Loftholm and Dr. Martin Atkinson-Barr. Biographies for the City's presenters (Dr. David Spath and Dr. Joseph Cotruvo), the Safewater Coalition presenters (Dr. Paul Loftholm and Dr. Martin Atkinson-Barr), the City's water reuse consultants (Dr. James Crook and Dr. Bahman Sheikh), and SBSA Manager James Bewley are included in Appendix A of this document.

Section 6 of this document includes a summary of the public testimony received at the study session. Again, the complete transcript of the study session may be obtained as indicated above; it is not reproduced in this document. The speakers are identified in order of appearance at the study session. In some cases, the speakers presented written

testimony to accompany their oral testimony. These documents immediately follow the public testimony summary, and are labeled with an 'SS' (Study Session) number in the top margin of the page; individual comments requiring response are labeled with a reference number in the right margin. Responses to these comments use a corresponding identification system.

Where the same comment has been made more than once or is similar to another comment, the response may direct the reader to another numbered response already introduced. Other comments may ask a question or raise an issue that is more appropriately addressed in the staff report that will be prepared for the City Council on the project. In these cases, the comment is acknowledged and the reader is directed to the staff report document. It is anticipated that the City Council will take action on the project in August 2003. The staff report will be available to the public prior to the meeting at which this action occurs.