

COUNCIL POLICY 34.06

POLICY TITLE: WATER CONSERVATION STRATEGY REGARDING WATER
DEMANDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF
CALIFORNIA SANTA CRUZ

POLICY STATEMENT: The City and the University of California Santa Cruz (UCSC), along with other parties of interest, entered into a Comprehensive Settlement Agreement (CSA) on August 15, 2008 that settled differences between the City and UCSC regarding the UCSC 2005 Long Range Development Plan.

The CSA stipulated the City would provide up to 100 million gallons of new water supply to an area of the campus north of the currently developed campus. One of the requirements to serve that area was to apply to LAFCO for an amendment to the City's Sphere of Influence (SOI).

Because of a requirement by LAFCO that this amended SOI result in a net decrease in the City's supply of water, Council, at its regular meeting of November 8, 2011, voted to implement a water conservation strategy in this SOI area that would compensate for any growth in water demand confined only to that SOI area through the implementation of watersystem-wide water conservation programs, resulting in no net effect in the City's water supply.

Those water conservation programs are to be directly funded with money collected from the University for each 85,000 gallons of new water demand (specified in the CSA and hereafter referred to as "New Water Demand Fees").

PROCEDURE: The New Water Demand Fees shall be accounted for separately by the Water Department and used for programs in the Conservation Section of the Department to directly compensate for the increase in demand that prompted the payment of the New Water Demand Fees. Those New Water Demand Fees are calculated and paid annually and along with an annual accounting of the collection of those fees, the Water Department will keep an annual record of conservation projects funded with an estimate of the anticipated water savings from those projects which must total at least one gallon more than the total increase in water demand in only the SOI area.

AUTHORIZATION: Established by motion on November 22, 2011.