

THOUSAND OAKS CITY COUNCIL



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**Agenda Related Items - Meeting of July 6, 2021
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TO COUNCIL: 07/06/2021
AGENDA ITEM NO.: 9A
MEETING DATE: 07/06/21

From: Kathryn Selm <krselm@alumni.unca.edu>
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Subject: Comments for item 9A

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Hello, since your form is not working, I would like to submit comments for item 9a for the council meeting tonight 7/6.:

July 6, 2021

Thousand Oaks City Council

Item #9A

The future of water resource availability in Southern California is at risk due to our changing climate. Given this fact, we need to make strategic investments in our infrastructure now to ensure the continued viability and future prosperity of Thousand Oaks. According to the "Projected Changes for Ventura County Climate" initiated by Watershed Coalition Ventura County and the Desert Research Institute, the climate models for Ventura County consistently project increases in the annual number of dry days, with little to no change in overall precipitation. This suggests that the same amount of precipitation must fall in fewer days, requiring an intensification of daily precipitation. The concept of intensification is further supported by the modeling that shows an increase in the frequency of days with precipitation exceeding the 85th percentile.

This trend means more dry days, which in turn means a higher likelihood for wildfire activity. For several years following a fire, runoff rates can more than double due to fire-driven changes in soil properties that render it water-repellant and reduce infiltration rates. In addition, groundwater recharge is projected to decrease in the Southwest in a warming climate and may in part be related to increasing rainfall intensities— precipitation intensification at the seasonal to sub-daily timescales may have implications for the methods by which groundwater recharge occurs or how surface water is conveyed, captured, and stored.

All of these factors will likely result in more dry days, more wildfires, more flashy flows, more runoff, less infiltration, and less groundwater recharge. In addition, according to CA DWR, climate change is predicted to significantly decrease snowpack from the Sierra Nevada's by 48-65% due to warmer temperatures. Similar to Ventura County's need to capture fewer, more intense flows, warmer temperatures will melt the Sierra Nevada snow faster and earlier, making it more difficult for California to store and use throughout the dry season. This will directly and negatively impact Thousand Oaks' ability to draw water supply from the State Water Project.

The multiplying uncertainties we are facing due to climate change requires more diversified and integrated water resource acquisition and distribution. The logical conclusion of these model predictions is that more stormwater needs to be captured and retained on site, as well as repurposed/reused to be prepared for the aridification and water scarcity of our post climate change world.

The Conejo Climate Coalition urges the city to reconsider the merit of the six potential future alternatives for HCTP effluent, weighting higher for reduced resilience on imported water, as it will better align with the City's Goal #1: "Maximize the beneficial reuse of HCTP effluent". The goal is to support citywide efforts on reducing reliance on imported water by maximizing the beneficial reuse of HCTP effluent. Coordinate efforts with other regional concepts (i.e. Las Virgenes Municipal Water District Brine Study). Reuse within the City would be primary for this goal, and the secondary would be the region."

We also believe that diverting the flows from 30-year events to Conejo Creek is a wasted opportunity for increased water resilience. Instead, Public Works should further explore finding a way to capture and reuse the 4.4 MG that is currently storage deficient.

We believe that embedded in the consideration of every infrastructure plan and budgeting exercise should be the long-term sustainability of our natural resources in the face of climate change. Thank you for your consideration of our comments as they relate to the HCTP Master Plan.

https://wrcc.dri.edu/Docs/VenturaClimate2019_lores.pdf

<https://water.ca.gov/Programs/All-Programs/Climate-Change-Program/Climate-Change-and-Water>

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Thousand Oaks

From: Lisa Evans Powell <lisaesings@hotmail.com>
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Dear Madam Mayor, Councilmembers, and Staff:

I read with great interest the City's legislative platform that will be discussed tonight. I wanted to express my thoughts on two issues in particular:

1. The city's decision to not take a stance on any issue where it has no direct authority (e.g. individual rights). This seems unnecessarily restrictive, and there must certainly be exceptions to this. I have combed through the legislative platforms of other cities and have not seen this type of policy elsewhere. I think it would be helpful for city residents to hear a clear explanation as to why this philosophy has been adopted by the City of Thousand Oaks.
- 2.
3. The document mentions that the city utilizes recommendations from Cal Cities and the National League of Cities, in fact listing the legislative priorities of these entities in the legislative platform document.
- 4.
5. If the City is regularly utilizing the NLC and CalCities as resources/guides to govern the city, I am curious why these organizations' stance and resources on equity issues - now the #1 goal of our city - are not actively being advanced here in Thousand Oaks? Or are they? The League of California Cities has been clear on cities' roles in advancing equity, and in 2021 has established an Advancing Equity Advisory Committee. I have included the links below along with some quotes for your convenience.

I appreciate any insight into these issues.

Truly Yours,

Lisa Evans Powell
Thousand Oaks

[https://www.cacities.org/Top/News/Press-Releases/2020-\(1\)/League-of-California-Cities-Board-of-Directors-Sta](https://www.cacities.org/Top/News/Press-Releases/2020-(1)/League-of-California-Cities-Board-of-Directors-Sta)

League of California Cities - League of California Cities Board
of Directors Statement on Equity and Justice for All

Sacramento – Following today’s League of California Cities Board of Directors meeting, the board issued the below statement committing to creating an equitable and just future for all Californians: “Communities throughout California and across the nation are frustrated, outraged, and grieving over the deaths of George Floyd and countless other men and women, some of whom made headlines ...

www.cacities.org

Excerpt: "Working with city and law enforcement leadership, we commit to reevaluating city operations and services through an equity lens and reforming areas where longstanding racial biases and inequities exist. This includes advancing policies that promote the hiring and support of police officers who reflect the diverse communities they have sworn to protect and serve."

“Racial bias has been ingrained in our institutions for decades. It is time instead to embed equity and justice into the fabric of those same institutions. As local government leaders, it is our responsibility to drive the change and accountability that we need to see throughout our society."

<https://www.cacities.org/Top/News/Press-Releases/2021/Cal-Cities-Announces-Advancing-Equity-Advisory-Com>

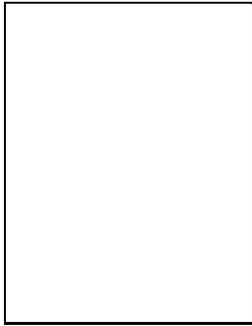
Excerpt (link also has a list of resources, webinars, readings on these issues): “It is so important for all of us to take action, not only in our communities and at our dinner tables, but in our conference rooms and our city halls,” said Johl. “I am eager to listen, learn, and do the work so that California cities will have a reliable pathway to build more equitable and just institutions."

"The Advancing Equity Advisory Committee will undertake an informative and developmental process to identify a set of recommended actions and resources to support cities in their efforts to reevaluate operations and services through an equity lens, and reform areas where longstanding racial biases and inequities exist."

“Not all cities are in the same place when it comes to addressing systemic racism and bias in our communities,” said Mayor Dunbar. “A big part of the committee’s work will be ensuring that tools are available for all city leaders to reevaluate, reimagine, and reform their institutions to ensure their systems are equitable and just."

CalCities' online magazine: November 2020 issue focused on equity issues:

<https://www.westerncity.com/issue/november-2020>



November 2020 - Western City Magazine

The National League of Cities created the Race, Equity, And Leadership (REAL) initiative to strengthen local leaders' knowledge and capacity to eliminate racial disparities, heal racial divisions, and build more equitable communities.

www.westerncity.com

National League of Cities has the REAL (Racial Equity and Leadership) initiative, which works to bring the issue of racial equity to local leaders:

<https://www.nlc.org/article/2018/11/26/real-announces-new-partnership-with-mbk-alliance/>



REAL Announces New Partnership with MBK Alliance - National League of Cities - NLC

Last week, My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Alliance at the Obama Foundation launched the MBK Network, a new learning community and support system for MBK leaders that will provide support, resources, and opportunities to build on local success and create lasting change.

www.nlc.org

NLC offers many publications and information related to equity issues, here is just one:

<https://www.nlc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/YEF-EC-Embedding-Equity-Policy-Brief.pdf>

Embedding Equity Into How Your City Does Business

our communities, their access to resources 4.6% Non-TOTAL Hispanic/ White INFANT MORTALITY by race 4.6% 7.5% American Indian 3.4% Asian Pacific Islander

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