

**SAN DIEGO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
WATER SUPPLY AND RELIABILITY  
REGULATORY POLICY GUIDELINES**

1. San Diego LAFCO's role is to oversee the logical service delivery through efficient local governmental organization structure for future services as defined in Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act of 2000. The Commission shall encourage that long range planning for availability of water supply and reliability should be integrated within the local water agencies, cities, special districts, County of San Diego, SANDAG and San Diego LAFCO.
2. Decision-making with regard to development of water supply and reliability should be focused at the regional and local level through coordinated activities and planning of local water agencies, cities, special districts and the County of San Diego. The Commission shall support these efforts where possible to meet legislative and regulatory goals and mandates.
3. The development of alternative water sources, conservation, demand management and demand impact offset programs to mitigate new projects or services by regional and/or local water agencies and proponents of proposals will be considered in reviewing proposals submitted to the Commission. LAFCO will collaborate (seek input from and provide comments to) with agencies on the establishment of water supply and availability programs and criteria as they are developed.
4. During its review and processing of proposals, the Commission shall place primary reliance on the input and recommendations of the local agency responsible for availability of water supply and delivery when a proposal is submitted for consideration that may impact an agency service area, sphere of influence or services being provided. It will be the intent of LAFCO to rely upon the subject agency to provide sufficient analysis of proposals impacting water supply and availability for LAFCO review. The use of resource documents such as Master Plans for Facilities and Urban Water Master Plans of the regional and local water agency will be encouraged as part of the project submittal process. This process is routinely included as part of submittal of "will serve letters" to planning agencies. In the future, any such water agency must also verify that enough water is reasonably expected to be available from that agency to provide the proposed service during a drought emergency. Where more than one service area or agency is impacted by a proposal, the Commission shall seek input from all affected agencies.
5. The Commission encourages input from the Special Districts Advisory Committee on policy and service related proposals and shall consider the input by the committee on projects impacted by water supply and availability issues. The Executive Officer may refer those proposals to the committee that he/she believes are relevant for review and input prior to submitting them to the Commission for consideration.