

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the solicitation of an independent expert contractor to conduct a comprehensive organizational performance and program evaluation to assess the current systems, processes, organization, and operations of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), Power System, Water System, and Joint System, and related matters.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Yaroslavsky - McOsker):

REQUEST the Board of Water and Power Commissioners in consultation with the Controller's Office to solicit, hire, and oversee an independent expert contractor to conduct a comprehensive organizational performance and program evaluation to:

- a. Assess the current systems, processes, organization, and operations of the Power System, Water System, and Joint System to identify systemic or institutional improvements that could be implemented to ensure these systems are well-positioned to implement effectively the goals that the City Council has established for the department, including identifying and recommending changes to overcome any barriers that may exist within the department that may hinder achievement of these goals.
- b. Assess the LADWP's various existing planning documents such as strategic and/or master plans (e.g., LA 100 Study, LA 100 Equity Strategies, Power System Reliability Program, Water Master Plan, etc.) and the department's staffing, organizational structure, and resource needs to implement these plans, including identifying barriers or obstacles and recommending changes or improvements, including potential revisions to the City Charter that would ensure the department can deliver the goals that the City Council has imposed on the department in the timelines set.
- c. Review the role and authorities of the Board of Water and Power Commissioners, as stated in the City Charter, Commission Rules, and any other relevant documents, and review similar boards and commissions of other publicly-owned utilities to identify best practices, and identify potential revisions to the Commission's guiding documents and procedures including potential revisions to the City Charter to ensure that the Commission can effectively support and guide the department as it transitions to clean energy, local water, and other important goals.
- d. Review the guidance documents and instructions for the implementation of the Industrial, Economic and Administrative Survey (IEA) and make recommendations for improvements that should be incorporated into future IEA assessments.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On February 23, 2024, your Committee considered Motion (Yaroslavsky - McOsker) relative to a request for the Board of Water and Power Commissioners with the assistance of the Office of the Controller to solicit an independent expert contractor to conduct a comprehensive organizational performance and program evaluation and related matters. The Motion attached to the Council file includes some background on the matter.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations reflected above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

<b><u>MEMBER</u></b>	<b><u>VOTE</u></b>
YAROSLAVSKY:	YES
MCOSKER:	YES
RAMAN:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
HERNANDEZ:	YES

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