CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Works Commission

FROM: Trish Rhay, Assistant Director, Public Works Services Department

DATE: June 12, 2014

SUBJECT: Water Rights Discussion

Public Works Services is working with the City Attorney's office to clarify, formalize and adjudicate Beverly Hills water rights. The Public Works Commission requested an introduction to and a status summary of water rights related to the City of Beverly Hills. James Markman is our City Attorney on these matters and will provide the introduction and summary of Beverly Hills water rights and status.

James L. Markman is a shareholder in the Public Law Department and Water Rights and Water Law Practice Group at Richards, Watson & Gershon with more than 40 years of experience representing local public agencies. Mr. Markman is the chair of the Water Rights and Water Law Practice Group and serves on the Firm's Management Committee. Mr. Markman has been involved in virtually every significant groundwater adjudication which has occurred commencing in 1969, including the Chino Basin, Cummings Basin, Mojave River Basin, Six Basins, Upper San Gabriel and the ongoing Santa Maria and Antelope Valley adjudication. Mr. Markman was a principal trial counsel and represented numerous public agencies in the Court of Appeals and the California Supreme Court in the successful second effort to adjudicate and brings management to the water resources of the Mojave River Basin. He now represents public agencies involved in active water negotiations and related matters in Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Orange, Riverside, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties.