RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends that Council approve a Resolution to adopt the 2005 Urban Water Management Plan. By law, the deadline to adopt this plan is December 31, 2005.

BACKGROUND
At its November 2, 2005 meeting, the Utilities Advisory Commission (UAC) considered the draft Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP). The UAC voted unanimously to recommend that the Council adopt the UWMP after certain comments were incorporated into the plan.

Staff incorporated the UAC’s comments into the UWMP and presented the plan to the Council and the public at a public hearing during the Council’s November 21, 2005 meeting [CMR:431:05]. At that meeting, the Council voted to consider the plan for adoption on December 12, 2005 after incorporating a change to the description of the City’s plans to increase the use of recycled water in the future.

DISCUSSION
In the description of “Projected Recycled Water Uses, the draft plan stated, “There are no plans to expand the use of recycled water in the City at this time.” This statement does not acknowledge the City’s current efforts to evaluate the expansion of the use of recycled water in the City. Therefore, the statement in the draft 2005 UWMP was replaced with “The City is conducting a Recycled Water Market Survey to determine the potential for recycled water use in the City and the cost to implement an expanded recycled water delivery system. The study is expected to be completed by June 2006. Upon completion of that study, a recommendation to
expand the use of recycled water in the future will be developed.” If the Council wishes, an interim amendment to the UWMP may be considered at that time.

The Water, Gas and Wastewater Operations Emergency Response Plan was attached to the draft 2005 UWMP as Appendix F. It is not required to attach this plan to the UWMP and, since the plan is out of date, it was removed from the plan that staff recommends Council adopt. This emergency response plan is currently under revision and the documentation will be updated by March 2006.

NEXT STEPS
Staff will forward Palo Alto’s 2005 UWMP to the California Department of Water Resources and state library as required by law within 30 days of plan adoption.

ATTACHMENTS
A: Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Adopting the 2005 Urban Water Management Plan to be Submitted to the California Department of Water Resources
B: 2005 Urban Water Management Plan

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