



CITY OF
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Utility Commission Regular Meeting

Approved Minutes

City Council Chambers | 50 Natoma Street, Folsom CA 95630
November 15, 2022
6:30 PM

Call to Order

Chair Mutchler called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

PRESENT: B. Mutchler, D. Groat, M. Menz, T. Widby, A. Silva.
ABSENT: Z. Akhter, D. Kozlowski.
STAFF PRESENT: Marcus Yasutake: Environmental & Water Resources Director
Brian Reed: Acting Public Works Director
Emma Atkinson: Administrative Assistant, EWR

Business from the Floor

None.

Minutes

Approval of the Minutes of the October 18, 2022, Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Menz motioned to accept the minutes.

Commissioner Widby seconded the motion.

Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Mutchler, Groat, Silva.

ABSENT: Commissioners Akhter, Kozlowski.

ABSTAIN: None.

Directors' Reports

Brian Reed

Mr. Reed informed the Commission that Director Rackovan is attending a conference. He also reported that there is no change in status for Solid Waste and Recycling.

Director Yasutake

Director Yasutake informed the Commission that the City Council is holding a special meeting on December 12th to swear in council members for the next 4 years. The new Council will have their first meeting on December 13th.

Director Yasutake thanked all Commissioners for time served on the Commission and reminded all that there is no meeting for the Commission in December.

New Business

Folsom Water Vision

Director Yasutake provided a presentation regarding plans for a City-wide discussion and opportunity for public participation in Folsom's future water supply planning, to get initial feedback from the Utility Commission prior to taking it to City Council.

Questions and Comments from the Commission:

Commissioner Mutchler:

- Comment:
 - the idea of a stakeholder group makes sense, as this would include people with a focused area of expertise.

Commissioner Menz:

- Comments:
 - a 'free-for-all' is unlikely to be productive and not get much accomplished.
 - developers could talk about options for water storage in addition to Folsom Lake, that could be used to help get through an emergency situation.

Commissioner Widby:

- Comments:
 - background information that would be useful in this is the perspective of what is going on in the region and State; who has capacity that is not used, who runs out of water, what happens when water is needed elsewhere and when does the State step in.
- Question:
 - Does the City receive compensation when excess water is sent elsewhere? Can this be monetized? *Yes, 'Water Transfers' can be monetized, but this requires an agency working with DWR and the Bureau of Reclamation to show how it has achieved a water saving, that has made water available in the system to transfer. There is a significant regulatory process that the agency must go through.*

Commissioner Menz:

- Question:
 - What if we want to store any additional water? Wouldn't this make sense for any available water that is not used? *Director Yasutake explained possible opportunities for storage, and potential projects with other agencies.*

Adjournment

Chair Mutchler thanked all members of the Utility Commission for their service.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:



Emma Atkinson, Administrative Assistant.

Approved:



Mark Menz, Utility Commission Chair