



FOLSOM
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Utility Commission Regular Meeting

Approved Minutes

City Council Chambers | 50 Natoma Street, Folsom CA 95630

May 16, 2023

6:30 PM

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

PRESENT: L. Ladd, M. Menz, B. Vempati, T. Widby.
 ABSENT: Z. Akhter, A. Ross, A. Silva.
 STAFF PRESENT: Marcus Yasutake: Environmental & Water Resources Director
 Mark Rackovan: Public Works Director
 Emma Atkinson: Administrative Assistant, EWR

Business from the Floor

None.

Minutes

Approval of the Minutes of the April 18, 2023, Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Vempati motioned to accept the minutes.

Commissioner Menz seconded the motion.

Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Ladd, Widby

ABSENT: Commissioners Akhter, Ross, Silva

ABSTAIN: None.

Directors' Reports

- Director Rackovan reported that the draft budget for FY2023-24 was presented at the City Council meeting on April 25th. At this meeting, City Council approved signing an agreement with other Sacramento County jurisdictions regarding the edible food recovery program.
- Director Rackovan shared a presentation of a proclamation of National Public Works Week, which included details of the City Works Day Event, and the ROADEO training and competition, both scheduled for May 17.
- Brian Reed and Marie McKeeth both won Public Works Manager of the Year Awards from the American Public Works Association, Sacramento Chapter. They are receiving the awards at a dinner where Mayor Rodriguez will also be in attendance.
- Director Yasutake announced that a new temporary employee started work in the meter division today, EWR's new GIS Technician will start work next week, and an additional City GIS Technician will start shortly afterwards.

Commissioner Menz: how many applicants were there? *Director Yasutake: I don't know the number of applicants, but I believe there were 10 or 12 candidates interviewed.*

- Director Yasutake provided information that EWR and PW will begin working together regarding the new California Air Resources Control Board resolution regarding use of electric vehicles, to better understand the impact on operations.

Commissioner Menz: Will you be looking at the 25 horsepower devices as well? *This resolution is specifically about vehicles.*

- Director Yasutake informed the Commission that he will bring information to the June meeting regarding the various State Assembly and Senate Bills relating to water and wastewater.

New Business

- **2022 Water Use Recap:**

Director Yasutake presented the City's water use data from 2022.

Commissioner Menz: Is there any anticipated need for additional land at the Water Treatment Plant? *No; There are planned projects that expand operations at the plant, but they will not require additional land.*

Commissioner Widby: Is there anything different about Ashland, relative to the rest of the Folsom water, in terms of rights and availability? *San Juan Water District has similar water contracts to Folsom.*

Commissioner Widby: Do you see a difference coming in per capita use? *Due to city wide conservation measures driven by State laws, an increase in per capita use, on average, is not expected.*

Commissioner Vempati: Do we use recycled water for irrigation? *No, we do not have recycled water in the City. Regional San has an Echo Water project that will produce recycled water, but that will not supply Folsom. We are working on a non-potable master plan, that includes an agreement with Aerojet for them to provide the City with non-potable water.*

Commissioner Vempati: What do we do to quantify losses? *EWR hired a consultant to perform Leak and Loss Detection, to identify leaks around the City and the associated volume of water. This includes two rounds of leak detection work performed over a 3-year period. City staff complete repairs on City lines and may also perform leak detection.*

Commissioner Widby: What percentage of water is lost? *For the last audit, it was about 11%.*

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:



Emma Atkinson, Administrative Assistant.

Approved:



Aaron Silva, Utility Commissioner Vice-Chair.