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Utility Commission Regular Meeting

Approved Minutes

City Council Chambers | 50 Natoma Street, Folsom CA 95630
June 20, 2023
6:30 PM

Call to Order

Vice Chair Silva called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Business from the Floor

None.

Minutes

Approval of the Minutes of the May 16, 2023, Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Menz motioned to accept the minutes.

Commissioner Ladd seconded the motion.

Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Akhter.

ABSENT: Commissioners Vempati, Widby.

ABSTAIN: Commissioners Ross, Silva

Directors Report

- On behalf of Director Rackovan, Director Yasutake noted that there was nothing to report apart from an update on interviews for the Public Works Director position, which are scheduled for tomorrow.
- Director Yasutake reported that RFPs from two consultants for the Water Vision process have been reviewed. Interviews with the consultants are scheduled in July, with the aim of getting City Council approval for the agreement by end of July and starting the process in September. The Rotary Clubhouse is being considered as a location for meetings which will be scheduled to coincide with Utility Commission meetings.

Commissioner Silva: Will Water Vision be a Utility Commission agenda item? *Yes. If there is other Utility Commission business, we will handle that first.*

Commissioner Ross: Will there be a topic list for meetings? *Yes; each meeting will have topics for discussion The process will be frontloaded with information, followed by opportunity for discussion leading to development of a set of options to present to City*

Council. The goal is to reach a point that City Council can provide direction for how to proceed.

New Business

- **Review of Water and Wastewater Related Senate and Assembly Bills:**

Director Yasutake provided a summary of bills that are being tracked this calendar year. As bills relating to Wastewater are mainly focused on treatment and other operations that are not performed by the City, the City is primarily focused on bills concerning Water operations. Director Yasutake briefly explained each bill, the City's position regarding the bill and associated issues.

Assembly Bill 249

Commissioner Ross questioned the City's position on this bill, asking about comparison with Federal law, and available funding for compliance with the bill. *Director Yasutake further clarified the position of the City and other Water agencies.*

Commissioner Ross asked how Utility Commissioners should share opinions about the City's position? *Commissioners advised contacting City Council members.*

There was general discussion amongst the Commission of the purpose of the bill, duplication and similarity with Federal rules, the need for clarity of the requirements, and potential impact on Water Agencies including cost implications.

Assembly Bill 460

Commissioners commented about links to the issues with the Colorado River, and potential for abuse of the system.

Assembly Bill 1072

The Commission discussed overall difficulty of implementation, current provisions for low-income residents, and effectiveness of the bill for a location like Folsom.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:



Emma Atkinson, Administrative Assistant.

Approved:



Mark Menz, Utility Commissioner Chair.