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# Utility Commission Regular Meeting Approved Minutes

City Council Chambers | 50 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630  
October 17, 2023  
6:30 PM

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## **Call to Order**

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

## **Roll Call**

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

## **Business from the Floor**

None.

## **Minutes**

Approval of the Minutes of the September 19, 2023, Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Widby motioned to accept the minutes.

Commissioner Ladd seconded the motion.

Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Ladd, Menz, Vempati, Widby

ABSENT: Commissioners Akhter, Ross

ABSTAINED: Commissioner Silva

## **Directors' Reports**

### **Environmental and Water Resources:**

- There will be a discussion on the Citywide sales tax at the October 24 City Council meeting.
- The Water Conservation Division had two vacancies and hired two Water Management Specialists to fill the vacancies.
- Water Professionals Appreciation Week was the week of October 7, 2023. The City posted videos on Social Media about the EWR department.
- The initial meeting with the Water Vision project consultant is October 18, 2023. The project will start in 2024. Stakeholder group meetings will be scheduled for regular Utility Commission meeting evenings. Sessions will be held at the Folsom Community Center. Further information on this will be provided to the

Commission as it becomes available, and commissioners can expect an email with more details in the next few weeks.

- The Commission discussed holding the November 21, 2023, meeting. All attending commissioners agreed to cancel it.

### **New Business**

- **Environmental and Water Resources Draft Fiscal Year 2022-23 Operating Budget Recap:**

Director Yasutake provided a recap of the draft Fiscal Year 2022-2023 operating budget for Environmental and Water Resources and answered questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Widby: Are the expenditures aligned with the City Manager's expectations? *When the department can come in under budget, it is in line. She understands how certain line items will be affected by the timing of projects.*

Chair Menz: Are you prepared for a budget cut if revenue drops? *Some line items can be skimmed. We can delay Capital Improvement projects. Fortunately, there has not been a problem in the City of Folsom with the payment of utility bills, which provides a steady revenue stream. There is a substantial reserve balance for capital expenses. There is a cost-of-service analysis planned for Fall 2024. We are also preparing for possible future water usage restrictions that could be enacted.*

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2023.

### **Respectfully Submitted:**

  
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Jennifer Thiot, Administrative Assistant.

### **Approved:**

  
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Mark Menz, Utility Commissioner Chair.