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# Utility Commission Regular Meeting

## Approved Minutes

City Council Chambers | 50 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630

June 18, 2024

6:30 PM

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### Call to Order

Vice-Chair Silva called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

### Roll Call

PRESENT: A. Ross, A. Silva, B. Vempati, L. Ladd, T. Widby.

ABSENT: Z. Akhter, M. Menz.

STAFF PRESENT: Marcus Yasutake: Environmental & Water Resources Director  
Mark Rackovan: Public Works Director  
Emma Atkinson: Management Analyst, EWR

### Business from the Floor

None.

### Minutes

Approval of the Minutes of the May 21, 2024, Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Ross motioned to accept the minutes.

Commissioner Vempati seconded the motion.

Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Silva, Ladd, Widby.

ABSENT: Commissioners Akhter, Menz.

### Directors' Reports

#### **Public Works:**

- Rate increase will go into effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>. For most households, bills will increase by \$2 per month.
- The city-wide re-route of waste collection services will start during the week of June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Letters will be mailed out to customers later this week, but details are already on the website and app. Residents are encouraged to check these resources to identify possible changes to their service.
- Recruitment has started for one refuse driver, following a retirement.

- Proposed contracts that resulted from the joint RFP for long term organics processing, between the City of Folsom, the City of Sacramento and the County, is anticipated to go to the second City Council meeting in July, which is the same week that partner agencies will be taking it to their elected officials.

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

- The budget was not adopted at the last City Council meeting, so is on the agenda for June 25<sup>th</sup>, when it is likely to be approved. Most questions revolved around the proposal for new police officers, a couple of parks, park maintenance, and the rainy-day fund.
  - Commissioner Widby asked if there had been any particular issues for either EWR or Public Works. *Response: no*
- Director Yasutake will send out follow-up information to the Commission in response to questions related to IS, cyber security and the treatment plant operations.
- The department has 3 new Maintenance Workers, all with start dates in June. Two staff who previously worked as 999s (part time) now have full-time positions in the meters division (one on limited term) and a new employee will start in Utility Maintenance.
- Director Yasutake and Todd Eising attended a discussion with the Water Technology Alliance, based out of Denmark. The Alliance sponsors visits to Denmark to learn about water conservation and technology companies based in Denmark involved in leak monitoring and remote transmission of data. It is likely that EWR will have a member of staff participate in the one-week visit.
  - Commissioner Vempati asked about the cost of the meters. *Response: There will be a follow up meeting with reps to discuss a possible pilot study, which is when the overall potential cost will likely be discussed. Director Yasutake also provided more details of how the technology works based on a District Metering Area, and some potential issues due to requirements of the system.*
  - Commissioner Widby asked about the City's present accountability of the influent water compared to the use of water. *Response: In Water Loss audits, the City is usually between 10-12% of water in versus water accounted for. Based on consultant work on water loss analysis and leak detection, it is thought that water loss is likely mainly due to meter inaccuracy. There were so few leaks found, it is likely water loss is more apparent than real.*

### **New Business**

- **Water Related Senate and Assembly Bills:**  
Director Yasutake provided information about proposed water related bills introduced by the California state legislature.

### **Adjournment**

Vice-Chair Silva adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m. noting that the next meeting is on July 16<sup>th</sup>, in the Police Department Training room.

**Respectfully Submitted:**



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Emma Atkinson, Management Analyst

**Approved:**



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Aaron Silva, Utility Commission Vice-Chair