

Utility Advisory Committee Meeting, March 22, 2017

Present: Andy Maron (Chair), Jeff Kanter (Vice Chair), Emily Sato, Nancy Nolan, Steve Johnson, Jim Thrash, Ted Jones

Also present: PW Director Barry Loveless, Amy Tousley (PSE), City Council member Roger Townsend (by teleconference until 5:15)

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.
2. The March 8th Meeting note, paragraph #5, was modified to reflect the correct name of the entity in charge of new Group B water regulations (Changed word "County" to "Public") and the first line of meeting note paragraph #6b was adjusted to read: "Water and sewer rate study:" The meeting notes were then unanimously approved with these changes.
3. There was no public comment.
4. There was a general discussion concerning a study of sewer and water rate structure (SSWM structure has been recently reviewed.) General conclusion that a review of the Winslow system's sewer rate structure is complex and would require a consultant and that a review of the fees currently charged to the southend system (which is treated at Sewer District 7), while less complex, should also be included in this consultant study. The scope of the study should be further discussed at a later meeting.
5. There was a general discussion concerning a possible SSWM operating expense study. Barry Loveless will update the Committee with new staffing allocation numbers for SSWM and what programs are currently covered by SSWM.
6. The committee reviewed maps provided by the city's GIS staff which showed where Group A and B water systems and wells were located on the island. The subcommittee will attempt to obtain another map for the next meeting which includes the location of the KPUD and City pipelines to show the distance of small systems from these larger systems' pipes.
7. Jeff Kanter updated the committee about his subcommittee's meeting with the Assistant Fire Chief concerning fire code impact on improvements for smaller water systems. This subcommittee is currently working on getting a sense of how many different entities (fire department, engineering, health department) have requirements which impact plans by small water systems to upgrade or consolidate. They will update the committee as they assemble further information.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



Andy Maron, Chair

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