

**Minutes of the Utilities Advisory Committee Meeting
November 20, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the District Office**

| AGENDA ITEM | DISCUSSION | FOLLOW-UP |
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| <p>1. Call to Order, Flag Salute and Roll Call</p> | <p>Vice Chairperson Fourcroy called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. and led the flag salute.</p> <p><u>Roll Call:</u> James Bishop, Committee Member – Present Jan Harper, Committee Member – Present Leonard Moothart, Committee Member – Present Eric Silva, Committee Member – Present Matthew Fourcroy, Vice Chairperson – Present Chuck Cesena, Chairperson – Arrived at 5:40 p.m.</p> <p><u>Staff:</u> Ron Munds, General Manager Jose Acosta, Utility Systems Manager Laura Durban, Administrative Services Manager</p> | |
| <p>2. Approve UAC Minutes of October 16, 2019</p> | <p>Vice Chairperson Fourcroy presented the minutes for approval.</p> <p>Administrative Services Manager Durban commented that the date in the Header of the minutes was incorrect and would be fixed before posted to October 16, 2019.</p> <p>Public Comment – Julie Tacker inquired if her letter to the BMC regarding hemp and cannabis had been forwarded.</p> <p>Committee Member Harper moved to approve and accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Silva and the motion carried by unanimous consent.</p> | <p>Action – File approved minutes.</p> |
| <p>3. Basin Management Committee Meeting Update</p> | <p>Meeting was canceled, next meeting is December 18, 2019</p> | <p>Action – No action.</p> |
| <p>4. Utilities Department Update</p> | <p>Utility Systems Manager (USM) Acosta reported on updates regarding SCADA project.</p> <p>Committee Member Moothart inquired about the scope of the project; what is currently in place; how long would the system last; would the system pay for itself over time of use.</p> <p>Vice Chairperson Fourcroy commented on the layout of a SCADA system.</p> <p>USM Acosta responded that the SCADA project would be for all systems to control the system remotely and view from offsite locations; that it will help with reporting; the SCADA system will last 10-15 years before upgrades would be needed.</p> <p>USM Acosta continued his report on updates on 10th Street Reservoir, South Bay Well Transmission Line Extension project, 8th Street Water Yard, Sample Station Replacements and new hire for Water Resource Operator position.</p> <p>Chairperson Cesena inquired if there would be more sample station replacements in the next year.</p> <p>USM Acosta responded that they are hoping to replace the remainder in the next budget.</p> <p>Committee Member Harper inquired what, if any, is the next step for the septic tanks the District just cleaned out.</p> <p>USM Acosta responded that we are finished.</p> | <p>Action – Committee directed staff to include the Board Staff Report for Utilities in future Utilities Advisory Committee packets.</p> |

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| <p>4. Utilities Department Update (continued)</p> | <p>Public Comment – Jeff Edwards commented the USM Acosta provides the Board with the pumping per wells and inquired if that information could be provided at the Utility Advisory Committee; commented that the SCADA system should not include Palisades and 3rd Street.</p> <p>Linde Owen thanked Utility Systems Manager Acosta for saving the District money.</p> <p>Richard Margetson inquired about the budget for the sample stations being \$14,400, and that it's going to be under \$11,000.</p> <p>USM Acosta responded that if the committee directs him he will provide the reports for the UAC; for SCADA that the 3rd Street has a strong possibility of coming back online, it was taken offline due to Chromium-6.</p> <p>The committee requested that he has the Board Utility Reports be made available for the UAC meetings.</p> <p>Committee Member Bishop commented on Chromium-6 impacts in the 3rd Street Well.</p> <p>USM Acosta commented that we can bring 3rd Street Well back to the UAC as we get closer to potentially bringing the well back online.</p> <p>Committee Member Silva commented on periodic testing.</p> | |
| <p>5. Recycled Water Fill Station Partnership</p> | <p>General Manager (GM) Munds presented the report as submitted in the Agenda Packet commenting that he is not looking for a recommendation to the Board at this time, just a discussion amongst the Committee and attending public.</p> <p>Committee Member Silva commented on community members that kept septic tank and getting the water delivered to fill a septic tank for a fee would be helpful for residents to water and garden; may encourage others to save more water.</p> <p>Committee Member Moothart inquired on what is needed to accomplish the training.</p> <p>GM Munds responded it would be a simple process, like a check list, that informs the community about the water and then to sign an agreement.</p> <p>Committee Member Bishop inquired how much water would go to the fill station; how much work would this be relative to the benefit.</p> <p>Vice Chairperson Fourcroy inquired where the water would come from.</p> <p>GM Munds responded that he is unsure of the amount of water at this time and that the water would be pulled from Broderson Leach Field, Sea Pines, Los Osos Middle School when connected; the District would mainly promote the program and help find volunteers.</p> <p>Vice Chairperson Fourcroy supported the idea of delivery; commented that a fee seems problematic.</p> <p>Public Comment – Linde Owen commented on having an on-site tank where water could be in a closed system; supported commercial delivery; a slow delivery from hoses could be problematic; community members that saved their septic tanks will like this option; \$100 per acer foot is what the Sea Pines pays; volunteers to water trees in need of this water; supported money coming out of the water conservation budget; inquired looking at other areas that are dry that uses recycled water.</p> | <p>Action – None</p> |

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| 5. Recycled Water Fill Station Partnership (continued) | <p>Lou Tornatzky commented that he is traveling to New Zealand and if the Committee has questions he would offer to inquire with towns that use recycled water.</p> <p>Julie Tacker commented that it sounds like a lot of work for little return; on construction water; inquired how many residents saved their septic tanks; commented on it being too much work for many residents; Cambria had a fill station during the drought; the savings would have to be drastic for the physical effort to get the water.</p> <p>Jeff Edwards commented that there is a reason the County has not done this yet and that the General Manager should not spend any more time on this effort; need to strategically deal with water; promote xeriscape and drought tolerant landscape; the District should focus on core mission and this is not it.</p> <p>Lynette Tornatzky inquired if the District has contacted companies that already do this for a living; commented that this should only be a subscription service via some trucking company that already has the tanks and already does this, then find out which residents saved their septic tanks to see if they would be interested, then the District would have minimal staff time; just finding out who would be interested so that the community does not have to go through the certification and it would only be available for the truckers that know how to do this.</p> <p>GM Munds commented that construction water is coming and they are working out a fee; having commercial truckers for hauling sounds like a great idea to recommend back to the County; will bring Recycled Water Fill Station back to the next UAC meeting to let the committee know the conversation that happened with the County.</p> <p>Committee Member Moothart supports the concept; commented on considering small and specialized at first, and he would come down and fill up a large tank when his tank got low.</p> | |
| 6. Public Comments on Items NOT on this Agenda | None | |
| 7. Schedule Next UAC Meeting | The next meeting of the Utilities Advisory Committee is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, December 18 th , 2019 at 5:30 p.m., unless otherwise noticed. | |
| 8. Closing Comments by UAC Committee Members | None | |
| 9. Adjournment | The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. | |