Utility Commission Regular Meeting
Approved Minutes
City Council Chambers | 50 Natoma Street, Folsom CA 95630
May 18, 2021
6:30 PM

Pursuant to Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-29-20 and as noticed on the meeting agenda, members of the Utility Commission and staff may participate in this meeting via teleconference.

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

PRESENT: B. Mutchler, D. Groat, T. Widby, R. Hess, A. Silva
ABSENT: D. Kozlowski, Z. Akhter

STAFF PRESENT: Marcus Yasutake: Environmental and Water Resources Director
Dave Nugen: Public Works Director
Emma Atkinson: Administrative Assistant, EWR

Business from the Floor

None

Minutes

Approval of the Minutes of the April 20, 2021 Regular Meeting.
Commissioner Silva motioned to accept the minutes.
Commissioner Hess seconded the motion.
Motion carried with the following vote:
AYES: Commissioners Mutchler, Groat, Widby
ABSENT: Commissioners Kozlowski, Akhter

Directors’ Reports

Director Yasutake reported that, next week, at the City Council meeting, there will be a presentation on the Governor's State of Emergency drought order, and the Regional Water Authority’s resolution regarding voluntary reductions in water use. Director Yasutake will be seeking feedback and direction from the Council on any associated City-wide action to be implemented by staff.

Interviews have been completed for the Water Treatment Plant Maintenance Worker position, which it is anticipated will be filled within the next couple of months.
Director Nugen reported that Public Works staff has recently completed a successful recruitment for the two new Senior Environmental Specialist positions, specifically for work on the Organics Recycling programs. It is hoped that new employees will start by July.

Old Business

Water Treatment Plant Cyber Security:

Director Yasutake reported that, in response to requests from the Commission, the Water Treatment Plant Supervisor has been collecting information from neighboring agencies regarding their security and staffing operations. It is anticipated this information will be available to share at the next Utility Commission meeting.

Solid Waste Rate Study:

Director Nugen presented an overview of the Solid Waste Rate study, including factors driving the need to raise rates, potential rate increases over the next five years, and possible mitigation measures that could reduce peak rate increases. Director Nugen responded to questions and comments from the Commission.

New Business

Corporation Yard Water Quality and Groundwater Monitoring Update:

Director Yasutake presented a summary of the history of the corporation yard site, monitoring and maintenance requirements post closure, and current status, including the expectation that the Waste Discharge Requirement Order will be rescinded within the next couple of months. Director Yasutake advised that the same report will be presented at next week’s City Council meeting, and responded to questions from the Commission.

2020 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan:

Director Yasutake provided a presentation, similar to that planned for next week’s City Council meeting, informing the Commission about the Urban Water Management Plan and the new requirement for a separate Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Emma Atkinson, Administrative Assistant.

Approved:

Bob Mutchler, Utility Commission Chair.