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


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

Business from the Floor

None

Minutes

Approval of the Minutes of the May 18, 2021 Regular Meeting.
  Commissioner Silva motioned to accept the minutes.
  Commissioner Widby seconded the motion.
  Motion carried with the following vote:
  AYES: Commissioners Mutchler, Groat, Hess, Kozlowski, Akhter

Directors’ Reports

Director Yasutake reported that, with the new maintenance worker having started at the Water Treatment Plant last week, the department is now back to being fully staffed.

Director Nugen provided an update on the Environmental Specialist positions within Public Works. One applicant has accepted the position of Senior Environmental Specialist. There is ongoing evaluation of applicants for the other positions.
Old Business

Water Treatment Plant Cyber Security:

Director Yasutake gave notice that feedback from other water treatment plants in the area, regarding operations and security, has been circulated to the Commission. Names of the plants were removed at their request. In discussion of general conclusions, it was noted that work is already underway to have a back-up system in place.

Solid Waste Rate Study:

Director Nugen and Marie McKeeth presented more detailed information on the impact of various mitigation methods under consideration to address the Solid Waste budget. Director Nugen will send information out to Commissioners directly to allow each the opportunity to review various scenarios, to facilitate a recommendation for how to proceed. In consideration of the timeline for taking information to City Council, the Commission requested to meet before the next regular meeting, to allow further review and discussion. It was agreed that a Special Meeting of the Utility Commission will be scheduled for July 6, 2021 for this purpose.

New Business

Director Yasutake presented an update on the Drought Emergency Order, water supplies, recommendations of the Regional Water Authority, and actions of the City in response to the situation.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Emma Atkinson, Administrative Assistant.

Approved:

Bob Mutchler, Utility Commission Chair.