Pursuant to Governor Newsom’s proclamation of a State of Emergency due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency and Assembly Bill 361, the Sacramento County Health Order dated January 6, 2022 and as noticed on the meeting agenda, this meeting was conducted virtually.

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

PRESENT: B. Mutchler, T. Widby, D. Kozlowski, A. Silva, M. Menz.
D. Groat (at 6:38 pm), Z. Akhter (at 6:43 pm).

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

Business from the Floor

None

Minutes

Approval of the Minutes of the November 16, 2021 Regular Meeting.
Commissioner Widby motioned to accept the minutes.
Commissioner Kozlowski seconded the motion.
Motion carried with the following vote:
AYES: Commissioners Mutchler, Menz.
ABSTAIN: Commissioner Silva.
ABSENT: Commissioners Groat, Akhter.

Directors’ Reports

Director Yasutake provided an overview of the City budget process and how it is presented to the Commission over the first few months of the year, and invited Commissioners to reach out with any requests for specific topics for discussion during the coming year.
Director Yasutake also reported that there are currently three vacancies within the department.

Old Business

Solid Waste Rates Update:

Director Rackovan reported that the Solid Waste Rate adjustment was approved unanimously by City Council at the December 14th meeting, and new rates appeared on bills issued at the end of December. Council opted to waive the proposed fees for Household Hazardous Waste pick up and Bulky Waste pick-up. Department staff is evaluating the cost implications of suggested ways to assist low-income households with the billing changes.

Director Rackovan provided detail of steps the department is taking to implement the commercial organics and recycling mandates for businesses.

In response to a request, Director Rackovan agreed to provide the Commission with a line-item budget for solid waste services.

New Business

Fiscal Year 2020-21 Water and Wastewater Budget Recap:

Director Yasutake provided a presentation of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget for the Environmental and Water Resources Department, covering detail of water and wastewater operations and capital improvement projects, and responses to questions from the Commission.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Emma Atkinson, Administrative Assistant.

Approved:

Daniel Groat, Utility Commission Vice-Chair.