

RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES

Ad-Hoc Task Force Report

AGRICULTURAL WATER RATES TASK FORCE

DATE: NOVEMBER 14, 2018

ITEM NO: 5

SUBJECT: AGRICULTURAL WATER RATES TASK FORCE OPEN DISCUSSION ON: WHAT TASK FORCE MEMBERS VALUE AS AGRICULTURE; HOW TO DEFINE AGRICULTURE; IN-DEPTH EVALUATION OF WA-9 RATE PROPOSAL #1 AND WA-AG RATE PROPOSAL

ISSUE:

Discuss what the Task Force members value as agriculture and how to define agriculture, as well as, an in-depth evaluation of WA-9 Rate Proposal #1 and the WA-Ag Rate Proposal.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Agricultural Water Rates Task Force openly discuss what the Task Force members value as agriculture and how to define agriculture, an in-depth evaluation of WA-9 Rate Proposal #1 and the WA-Ag Rate Proposal.

BACKGROUND:

Many of first Agricultural Water Rates Task Force meetings were informational to bring members up to an equal level of understanding. Most of the meetings from this point forward will be framed for open, in depth, discussions on particular topics to facilitate development of rate recommendations. Open discussion was part of the original Work Plan approved by the RPU Board. The final rate recommendations will be presented to City Council in mid-2019.

DISCUSSION:

Open discussion is an important part of the rate development process. At the October 25, 2018 meeting, Agricultural Water Rates Task Force members voted to take a deeper dive into the WA-9 rate proposal. That proposal has evolved into what is now called the WA-Ag proposal. The authors would like to focus the discussion on this proposal. Both proposals are attached for comparison purposes. The Task Force also continued the discussion regarding the definition of agriculture and its value from the last meeting. Task Force leadership can continue a topic of discussion onto a future meeting if deemed necessary or add additional topics to future meeting agendas.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

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Attachments:

1. WA-9 Rate Proposal #1
2. WA-Ag Rate Proposal