

RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES

Ad-Hoc Task Force Report

REVISED REPORT

AGRICULTURAL WATER RATES TASK FORCE

DATE: JULY 26, 2018

ITEM NO: 4

SUBJECT: THE GAGE CANAL COMPANY OVERVIEW

ISSUE:

Receive a presentation on The Gage Canal Company.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Agricultural Water Rates Task Force receive a presentation on The Gage Canal Company.

BACKGROUND:

The Gage Canal Company was established in 1890 as a private non-profit California corporation. The purpose of the company was to bring artesian and pumped well waters originating in the Bunker Hill basin area of San Bernardino into Riverside for the purposes of irrigation. The company is governed by eleven board members and overseen by one general manager. The City of Riverside used its power of eminent domain to announce a friendly condemnation of The Gage Canal Company in 1959. The purpose of this condemnation was to secure water rights for the beneficial public use of the residents of the City of Riverside. The courts ruled in favor of the City of Riverside on June 9, 1965 based on the most necessary public use of the water and water rights held by The Gage Canal Company. This topic was part of the original Work Plan approved by the RPU Board and many of the Task Force members have requested information on The Gage Canal Company during the first three meetings.

DISCUSSION:

Staff will provide a presentation on The Gage Canal Company which will be an overview of the Company's structure, history, timeline, purpose and effect, the 1965 Judgement In Eminent Domain and Final Order of Condemnation in favor of the City of Riverside, the current canal condition, shares and agreements.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact for this item.

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Attachments:

1. Presentation
2. Gage Canal Company By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation
3. Agreement for Operation of Gage Canal Facilities

4. Judgement In Eminent Domain and Final Order of Condemnation
5. Stipulation for Judgement In Eminent Domain and Final Order of Condemnation
6. Gage Water Exchange Agreement
7. Water Rule 16
8. Creason's 1975 Report
9. Historic American Engineering Record, National Park Service
10. Greenbelt Flowage Agreement
11. Letter to Gage Shareholders from Gage Legal Counsel