



# RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES

## Board Memorandum

**BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

**DATE:** AUGUST 27, 2018

**ITEM NO:** 19

**SUBJECT:** THE GAGE CANAL COMPANY OVERVIEW

**ISSUE:**

Receive a presentation on the Gage Canal Company.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board of Public Utilities receive and file 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 11 board members and overseen by one general manager. The City 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. The courts ruled in favor of the City on June 9, 1965, based on the most necessary public use of the water and water rights held by the Gage Canal Company. This presentation was created for, and provided to, the Agricultural Water Rates Task Force on July 26, 2018.

**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 of the 1965 Judgement In Eminent Domain and Final Order of Condemnation in favor of the City, the current canal condition, shares, and agreements.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact for this presentation.

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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
12. Gage distribution system with Greenbelt overlay map