

RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES

Ad-Hoc Task Force Report

AGRICULTURAL WATER RATES TASK FORCE

DATE: OCTOBER 25, 2018

ITEM NO: 4

SUBJECT: AGRICULTURAL WATER RATES TASK FORCE OPEN DISCUSSION ON: WHAT TASK FORCE MEMBERS VALUE AS AGRICULTURE; HOW TO DEFINE AGRICULTURE; WA-9 RATE PROPOSAL #1; FLAT RATE PROPOSAL #1; BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT PROPOSAL #1

ISSUE:

Discuss what the Task Force members value as agriculture and how to define agriculture, as well as, receive presentations on and discuss WA-9 rate proposal #1, flat rate proposal #1, and business improvement district proposal #1.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Agricultural Water Rates Task Force discuss what the Task Force members value as agriculture and how to define agriculture; and
2. That the Agricultural Water Rates Task Force receive presentations on and discuss WA-9 Rate Proposal #1 (Tom Evans), Flat Rate Proposal #1 (Jason Hunter/Scott Simpson) and Business Improvement District Proposal #1 (Scott Andrews).

BACKGROUND:

Many of the 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 of particular topics is an important part of the rate recommendation development process. At the September 27, 2018 Agricultural Task Force meeting, the Task Force felt it was necessary to first determine how agriculture should be defined as it relates to water rate eligibility and what the value of agriculture is in the City of Riverside.

There are also three (3) rate recommendation options to be presented by Task Force members and discussed during this meeting. These options include the WA-9 Rate Proposal #1, Flat Rate Proposal #1, and Business Improvement District Proposal #1. 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 for this item.

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Attachment:

1. WA-9 Rate Proposal #1
2. WA-9 Rate Proposal #1 Presentation (Tom Evans)
3. Flat Rate Proposal #1
4. Flat Rate Proposal #1 Presentation (Jason Hunter/Scott Simpson)
5. Business Improvement District Proposal #1 presentation (Scott Andrews)