

**CITY OF RIVERSIDE
PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT**

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Minutes of: Agricultural Water Rates Task Force, Meeting #3
Date of meeting: June 28, 2018
Time of meeting: 5:30 pm
Place of meeting: Mayors Ceremonial Room, 7th Floor City Hall
3900 Orange St., Riverside, CA 92501

Meeting was called to order by Chair Walcker

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was given by Scott Andrews

Roll Call

Present:	Andrew Walcker (Chair)	Seth Wilson (Vice Chair)	Rose Mayes
	Jason Hunter	Patricia Lock-Dawson	Darleen De Mason
	Dale Sexton	Michele Sheehe	Ed Adkison
	Scott Andrews	Steven Robillard	Barbara Croonquist
	Carl Pongs (Alternate for Tom Evans)		
	Sharon Mateja (Alternate for John Gless)		
Absent:	Gilberto Esquivel		

1. Citizen Participation

Rick Moslenko – spoke in regards to how Gage Canal Company shares are handled, how the economy would benefit from Greenbelt agriculture, and how meter charges are figured.

Joyce Jong – asked why agriculture is not its own unique customer class in the COSA and what criteria was used to determine that WA-3 / WA-9 customers should transition to WA-1 / WA-6.

2. Approval of meeting minutes for April 26, 2018 and May 24, 2018 meetings

April 26, 2018 minutes

Motion: Lock-Dawson Second: Andrews

Ayes: All present

May 24, 2018 minutes

Mateja requested clarification on minutes for outcome of vote for Item 2 on May 24, 2018 meeting (Member Rate Class Disclosure) and staff provided clarification. Hunter requested that the ideas and questions proposed thus far be provided and staff informed the group that they were ready for distribution and would be sent out.

Motion: Andrews Second: Mayes

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Ayes: Walcker, Wilson, Mayes, Hunter, De Mason, Sexton, Sheehe, Adkison, Andrews, Robillard, Croonquist, Pongs, Mateja

Abstain: Lock-Dawson

3. Individual Task Force Member Water Rate Class Disclosure and FPPC

Results of poll of Task Force member voluntary water rate class disclosure were presented; receive and file.

Motion: Hunter Second: Andrews

Ayes: All present

City attorney Anthony Beaumon discussed how he spoke with the Fair Political Practices Commission and confirmed there is no conflict of interest provision for the Task Force and no need for the members to file a Form 700; receive and file.

Motion: Lock-Dawson Second: Adkison

Ayes: All present

4. Water Cost of Service Analysis and Rate Design Study Overview

Staff and consultant (Carollo) presented the Cost of Service study and Proposition 218. Numerous questions and discussions followed. Sexton mentioned that local citrus growers cannot be profitable when water costs more than \$100 per acre foot. De Mason suggested the Task Force take a field trip to view some of these facilities that are being discussed in the meetings; receive and file.

Motion: Hunter Second: Andrews

Ayes: Walcker, Wilson, Mayes, Hunter, De Mason, Sexton, Sheehe, Adkison, Andrews, Robillard, Pongs, Croonquist

Absent: Lock-Dawson, Mateja

5. Discuss Schedule of Meetings

Chair Walcker reviewed the current schedule of meetings and topics. A brief discussion took place regarding shifting some topics around. Staff made note of the requested changes; receive and file.

Motion: Mayes Second: Robillard

Ayes: Walcker, Wilson, Mayes, Hunter, De Mason, Sexton, Sheehe, Adkison, Andrews, Robillard, Pongs, Croonquist, Mateja

Absent: Lock-Dawson

6. Open Discussion / Items for Future Consideration

Pongs asked numerous questions about the Gage Canal Company. Hunter voiced concerns about the open discussion not being on agenda items or compliant with the Brown Act.

Adjourn

By: 

Richard Small, Secretary for Agricultural Water Rates Task Force

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<https://riversideca.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>