



Formation of Agricultural Water Rates Task Force

Water Division

Board of Public Utilities
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BACKGROUND

1. City Council recommended formation of Agricultural Water Rates Task Force on Nov. 28, 2017.
2. Composed of community members and stakeholders.
3. To develop agricultural water rate alternatives in relation to proposed rate increases.
4. WA-3 and WA-9 rates frozen at current levels for one year.
5. Quarterly updates to the Utility Services/Land Use/Energy Development Committee.
6. Final recommendation to City Council by July 2019.

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DISCUSSION

1. Task Force composition needs to be established.
2. Two residents from each Council ward.
3. Chair and Vice-Chair need to be nominated.
4. Establish guidelines and participation rules.
5. Work plan is a framework for Task Force discussions.
6. Tentative monthly meeting schedule and topics.

TASK FORCE MEMBER INTEREST LIST

1. Compiled by Boardmember Walcker.
2. Input and consensus from Councilmembers.
3. Two residents representing each ward.
4. Two members at large.
5. All members informed of commitment.
6. Not to exceed 16 members.

DRAFT GUIDELINES AND PARTICIPATION RULES

1. Task Force Mission, Deliverables, and Goals
 - Develop WA-3/WA-9 rate alternatives to achieve mission.
 - Be fair and equitable; hear input from public; provide updates to Board and Council.
2. Membership
 - 16 members, including Chair and Vice-Chair.
3. Performance of Duties
 - No compensation and limited absences allowed.
 - Nomination of alternates.

DRAFT GUIDELINES AND PARTICIPATION RULES (cont'd)

4. Officers
 - Chair and Vice-Chair appointed by Board.
 - Secretary (RPU staff).
5. Meetings
 - Open to public and compliant with Brown Act.
 - Staff presentations, public comment, Task Force discussions.
 - Held monthly in Mayor's Ceremonial Room at City Hall.

DRAFT WORK PLAN

1. Define Task Force purpose
2. Gather initial ideas and concerns
3. Value of Greenbelt, citrus, and agriculture
4. Prop R, Measure C, GrowRIVERSIDE
5. WA-3/WA-9 history, purpose, and composition

DRAFT WORK PLAN (cont'd)

6. Cost of Service and Rate Design Study (Carollo)
7. Proposition 218
8. Fair and equitable rates and resources
9. Gage Canal history and condition
10. WA-8 rate structure and opportunities

DRAFT WORK PLAN (cont'd)

11. Agricultural water use efficiency opportunities
12. RPU supporting agricultural efforts City-wide
13. Formulate WA-3/WA-9 rate alternatives
14. Present final rate recommendation(s) to Board of Public Utilities
15. Present final rate recommendation(s) to Council

TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE AND PURPOSE

1. April 26, 2018 (first meeting)
 - Introduction of members, staff, and initial discussions.
 - Discuss rules, guidelines, and schedule.
2. May 24, 2018
 - Greenbelt history, Prop R, Measure C.
 - WA-3/WA-9 history and purpose.
3. June 28, 2018
 - Cost of Service Study.
 - Prop 218

TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE AND PURPOSE (cont'd)

4. July 26, 2018 (fourth meeting)
 - Develop initial rate alternative options.
5. July 2018, first quarterly update to Council.
6. August 23, 2018
 - Gage Canal history and overview.
 - Continue developing alternatives.
7. September 27, 2018
 - Water use efficiency options.
 - Begin evaluating alternatives.

TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE AND PURPOSE (cont'd)

8. October 25, 2018 (seventh meeting)
 - Continue evaluating alternatives.
9. October 2018, second quarterly update to Council.
10. November 29, 2018
 - Begin formulating final recommendation.
11. December 20, 2018
 - 10% formulation of recommendation.

TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE AND PURPOSE (cont'd)

12. January 24, 2019 (tenth meeting)
 - 25% formulation of recommendation.
13. January 2019, third quarterly update to Council.
14. February 21, 2019
 - 50% formulation of recommendation.
15. March 28, 2019
 - 75% formulation of recommendation.
16. April 25, 2019
 - 95% formulation of recommendation.

TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE AND PURPOSE (cont'd)

17. May 23 (final meeting)
 - Finalize rate alternative recommendation.
18. May 2019, fourth quarterly update to Council.
19. June 2019, present alternative to Board.
20. July 2019, present alternative to Council.

Recommendations

That the Board of Public Utilities:

1. Appoint the Agricultural Water Rates Task Force and nominate and appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair;
2. Approve the Agricultural Water Rates Task Force guidelines and participation rules;
3. Approve the Agricultural Water Rates Task Force work plan; and
4. Approve the Agricultural Water Rates Task Force schedule and purpose of meetings.