

# **Agricultural Water Rates Task Force**

## **Emerging Ideas**

### **Gage Canal**

- Turn in Gage shares to get equivalent potable water from City system at gage cost, plus a transportation charge.
- City should give back, or sell, some of their Gage shares back to residents whose properties previously held shares.
- Shut down Gage Canal as it is not practical to pressurize.
- Maximize use of Gage Canal water, per Measure C.
- Take advantage of any pressurized sections of Gage canal that could feed potential Ag customers to reduce delivery costs.

### **GFT**

- Use GFT to pay for the “under-collection”, either by lowering amount of GFT from RPU to General Fund equivalent to under-collection, or removing GFT portion from WA-3 and WA-9 water rates equivalent to under collection.
- Allow Economic Development Department to issue agricultural rebate using funds from GFT to cover under collection from WA-3/WA-9.

### **Agriculture**

- Revise and/or expand “qualifying” definition of agriculture in regards to Ag rates since Ag is not just citrus groves any more.
- Citrus may not be the future due in part to the Citrus Psyllid (HLB) pest problem.

### **WA-3 / WA-9**

- Separate Agricultural irrigation service from residential service on WA-3/WA-9 lots, re-pipe, test to ensure no interconnection.

### **Prop R / Measure C**

- Per Prop R and Measure C, make “necessary changes” to allow Gage water to be used as highest priority (see Section 5 of Measure C).
- Adopt policies or resolutions to allow these changes to take place so agriculture is promoted and supported.
- Transitioning WA-3 / WA-9 customers to WA-1 or WA-6 does not accomplish the goals of Prop R and Measure C.

### **Misc**