Agricultural Water Rates Task Force

Meeting Schedule and Topics

April 26 – 1st Task Force meeting

- ⊖ Introduction of members and staff
- Discuss participation rules and guidelines
- → Define problem to solve
- Taskforce roundtable of initial thoughts and concerns

- May 24 – 2nd Task Force meeting

- WA-3, WA-9 and WA-8 water rates: history, purpose, class comp, revenue, application (staff presentation – Justin)
- Greenbelt history (staff presentation Rick, Steve Hayes, Joyce)
- GrowRIVERSIDE initiative (staff presentation Joyce J.)
- Sneak peak of Meeting 3 (staff presentation Rick)

June 28 – 3rd Task Force meeting

 Water Cost of Service Analysis (COSA) and Rate Design Study (staff/consultant presentation – Brian S. / Carollo)

July 26 – 4th Task Force meeting

- Gage Canal Company history, structure, condition and shares (presentation Rick)

Aug 13 – 1st quarterly Task Force update to Council Land Use Committee

August 23 – 5th Task Force meeting

- ← Riverside Food Systems Alliance (presentation Gurumantra Khalsa)
- UWMP usage characteristics by class (staff presentation Mike P.)
- ⊖ Taskforce open discussion on:
 - COSA and WA-3 / WA-9 rate proposal factors

- Water Rate Comparison Tables (staff presentation Rick)
- ⊖ Taskforce open discussion on:
 - Water rate comparison tables
 - Greenbelt past, present, future
 - Gage Canal opportunities
 - Other water service options

October 25 – 7th Task Force meeting

- Prop 218 legal guidance on rate proposal development (Anthony)
- - What do we value as agriculture?
 - How should agriculture be defined?
 - WA-9 Rate Proposal # 1 (Tom Evans)
 - Flat Rate Proposal #1 (Jason Hunter/Scott Simpson)
 - Business Improvement District proposal (Scott Andrews)
- November 14 8th Task Force meeting
 - City definition of agriculture (presentation City Planning)
 - Is Agriculture in Riverside Economically Viable? (presentation Seth Wilson)
 - Taskforce open discussion on:
 - What do we value as agriculture and how should it be defined?
 - Deep dive evaluation on WA-9 Rate Proposal # 1
 - WA-3; ideas and considerations

Dec 10, 2018 – 2nd quarterly Task Force update to Council Land Use Committee

- December 13 – 9th Task Force meeting

- Taskforce open discussion on:
 - Continue evaluation of rate proposal(s)
 - WA-3 rate proposal development
- January 24 10th Task Force meeting
 - 50% formulation of final Ag rate proposal(s)
 - Taskforce open discussion on:
 - Gage canal shares
 - How can Gage Canal best support agriculture?
 - GFT
- February 21 11th Task Force meeting
 - o TBD
 - 75% formulation of final Ag rate proposal(s)
- March 28 12th Task Force meeting
 - 95% formulation of final Ag rate proposal(s)
 - Agricultural water use efficiency options and sustainability of agriculture in Riverside (presentation – Jason T / Kerwin)
 - o 1969 Judgement
- April 8, 2019 3rd quarterly Task Force update to Council Land Use Committee
- April 25 13th Task Force meeting
 - Finalize Ag rate proposal(s)
- May 23 14th Last Task Force meeting
 - o TBD
- June 17, 2019 Final Ag rate proposal recommendation to Board of Public Utilities
- July 8, 2019 Final Ag rate proposal recommendation to Land Use Committee