

**CITY OF RIVERSIDE
PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT**

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Minutes of: Agricultural Water Rates Task Force, Meeting #5
Date of meeting: August 23, 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 Darleen De Mason

Roll Call

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

Absent: Rose Mayes

1. Citizen Participation

Cecelia Arias, Community Benefit Health Manager for Kaiser Permanente – spoke in regards to how Kaiser Permanente is committed to community health and how health care is affected by social determinants such as clean water and local agricultural production.

Scott Berndt of Riverside Unified School District – spoke in regards to how he purchases local produce for the RUSD food hub. RUSD spends roughly \$1.5M per year on produce but only 20% is from locally produced agriculture.

2. Approval of meeting minutes for July 26, 2018 meeting

Motion: Andrews Second: Hunter

Ayes: All present

Absent: Mayes

3. Riverside Food Systems Alliance (RFSA)

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Gurumantra Khalsa provided a presentation on the RFSA and its importance and involvement in the City of Riverside's GrowRIVERSIDE movement and how Riverside has the ability to add economic value to the community through local agricultural production; receive and file.

Motion: Hunter Second: Andrews

Ayes: All present

Absent: Mayes

4. Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP)

Staff provided a presentation on RPU's UWMP with numerous questions from the Task Force following; receive and file.

Motion: Hunter Second: Andrews

Ayes: All present

Absent: Mayes

5. Open Discussion

Chair Walcker presented and read through the Goals and Rules of the Task Force open discussions (attached). The Task Force openly discussed the WA-3 and WA-9 rates in relation to the Cost of Service Analysis (COSA). The consultant who prepared the COSA (Carollo) was present and answered numerous questions posed by members. Member Sheehe presented a letter from Bob Buster and a memorandum from the 1981 Prop R Advisory Committee to the City Council (both attached). Chair Walcker suggested that open discussion items 1, 3 and 4 be carried over to the next meeting.

Motion: Hunter Second: Andrews

Ayes: All present

Absent: Mayes

6. Discuss Schedule of Meetings

Chair Walcker reviewed the current schedule of meetings and topics. A brief discussion took place regarding shifting topics around and getting more information on Proposition 218 in relation to potential rate recommendations. Staff made note of the requested changes; receive and file.

Motion: Robillard Second: Andrews

Ayes: Walcker, Wilson, Esquivel, Hunter, De Mason, Sheehe, Gless, Moslenko, Andrews, Robillard, Khalsa, Croonquist, Mateja

Absent: Sexton, Mayes

7. Emerging Ideas and Questions and Answers

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Chair Walcker reviewed the current set of Emerging Ideas and Questions and Answers posed thus far by the Task Force. Additional ideas and questions were posed and captured by staff; receive and file.

Motion: Andrews Second: Robillard

Ayes: Walcker, Wilson, Hunter, Esquivel, Sheehe, Moslenko, Andrews, Robillard, Croonquist, Mateja, Khalsa

Absent: Sexton, Gless, De Mason, Mayes

8. Items for Future Consideration

Chair Walcker discussed how he made a mistake when originally disclosing that he had a WA-1 meter at his residence as he recently found out he had a WA-3 meter instead.

Member Robillard discussed how he used to live in Ward 7, but recently moved into Ward 3. He will continue to represent Ward 7 per the approval of Councilman Steve Adams and the City Clerk.

Adjourn

By: _____



Richard Small, Secretary for Agricultural Water Rates Task Force

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