



**Board of Public Utilities
Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft**

Thursday, March 7, 2019

1:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Galvin called the meeting of the Board of Public Utilities to order at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Present 6 - Chair Daniel Galvin III, Vice Chair William Arnone Jr., Board Member Richard Dowd, Board Member Christopher Grabill, Board Member David Bannister, and Board Member Mary Watts

Absent 1 - Board Member Lisa Badenfort

2. STATEMENTS OF ABSENTION BY BOARD MEMBERS

No statements of abstention were made by Board members.

3. STUDY SESSION - NONE.

4. MINUTES APPROVAL

The minutes were accepted as submitted.

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5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

5.1 WATER SUPPLY UPDATE

Staff will update the Board on water supply issues. The Board may discuss this item and give direction to staff.

Presenter(s): Colin Close, Sr. Water Resources Planner

5.2 UPDATE ON LAGUNA TREATMENT PLANT AND THE EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

Staff will provide an update on the treatment plant response and the actions taken during last week's atmospheric river leading to the declaration of a local emergency. The Board may discuss this item and give direction to staff.

Presenter(s): Sean McNeil, Interim Deputy Director Environmental Services and Brian Bokkin, Interim Treatment Plant Superintendent

Public Comment:

Brenda Adelman asked for clarification about how the release of water from Delta Pond to the Laguna works when significant flooding is present.

6. CONSENT ITEMS - NONE.

7. REPORT ITEMS

7.1 REPORT - SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY (SCWA) 2019/20 WATER TRANSMISSION BUDGET AND RATE INCREASE

BACKGROUND: There is a Water Advisory Committee (WAC) made up of elected officials of each of the prime contractors to the SCWA wholesale water. The WAC is an advisory committee to the Water Agency Board of Directors. The City's WAC Representative is Council Member Victoria Fleming. On April 8, 2019, the WAC is scheduled to vote on whether or not to recommend the SCWA budget and proposed rate increase for approval of the Water Agency Board of Directors.

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is made of technical staff of each of the prime contractors to the Water Agency's wholesale water. The TAC provides technical analysis and recommendations to the WAC.

RECOMMENDATION: The Water Department recommends that the Board of Public Utilities, by motion, make a recommendation to the City Council regarding Council's direction to its WAC member on the SCWA budget and proposed water rate increases which is scheduled to be considered by the City Council at its meeting on March 26, 2019.

Kimberly Zunino, Deputy Director Administration and Lynne Rosselli, Finance Manager, Sonoma County Water Agency

A motion was made by Board Member Grabill, seconded by Board Member

Watts, to recommend support to the City Council regarding Council's direction to its WAC member on the SCWA budget and proposed water rate increases. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Chair Galvin III, Vice Chair Arnone Jr., Board Member Dowd, Board Member Grabill, Board Member Bannister and Board Member Watts

Absent: 1 - Board Member Badenfort

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

None.

9. REFERRALS

None.

10. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION (AND POSSIBLE BOARD DISCUSSION)

None.

11. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Board member Dowd reported that the Budget Review Subcommittee met this morning.

12. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

None.

13. DIRECTORS REPORTS

Jennifer Burke, Interim Director provided an update on the recruitment for the Water Director, on the quarterly water quality sampling plan, the status of the Microgrid Project, and the Groundwater Sustainability Agency efforts for funding and recent community meetings regarding fees.

14. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Chair Galvin adjourned the meeting at 2:22 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Utilities will be held on March 7, 2019.