

APPROVED

CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE VENTURA COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 17 MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ronald Marks, Christopher Shubeck
Neil Sokoler, Steven Price

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Greg McHugh

COMMITTEE MEMBER VACANCY: None

STAFF: David Fleisch, Assistant Director PWA
Jean Fontayne, Staff Services Manager

GUESTS: None

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1. CALL TO ORDER - The Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.
 2. Approval of the Minutes of May 21, 2024, Meeting. Steven Price moved to approve the minutes, Neil Sokoler 2nd the motion. All Members present approved the minutes.
 3. PUBLIC COMMENT
 - o None
 4. DIRECTOR'S INFORMATIONAL ITEMS-Provides the opportunity for the Director to present items that are not within the subject matter of the District's Staff Report.

Jeff Pratt retired in July and Gregg Strakaluse is now the PWA Director. Joe Pope left the end of May as well as Scott Meckstroth and we are currently looking to replace them. Rick Raives is the Interim Director until we find a replacement. David Fleisch introduced himself, explaining that we are in the process of interviewing for the Water & Sanitation Director and the Deputy Director. In our Engineering Department we've been hiring, and that department is full, so we should be keeping the projects up to date.
- A. RATE PROPOSAL PRESENTATION
- o Rate Model Assumptions. Calleguas Board approved 9.5% increase. Metropolitan was 12%.
 - o The average water usage for WWD17 should not change much, therefore we are suggesting a 9.5% rate increase to match Calleguas pass through for 2025. Then we used 6% for the following years 2026-2030 from a calculation's perspective.
 - o Budget Analysis shows operations, maintenance, labor. Mostly the purchase of water. No capital projects. Day-to-day operations cost.
 - o Calleguas vs WWD17 Historic Rate Increases. Shows where we had

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increases and when we didn't.

- An increase in the water charge and meter charge will be the same.
- No pass through has been determined for the years after 2025.
- December 10, 2024, we will recommend to the Board to approve the increase for 2025. Notifications will go to customers for any disputes.
- David Fleisch is going to get a little more information on the labor cost increase, for the CAC Members to have a better understanding. Send a summary of projection with staff time.

Halfway through the meeting, streaming of Zoom was interrupted at 31.05 minutes, and is unable to scribe minutes through the rest of the meeting. Persons that attended the meeting, testified that there was a vote to approve the rates and they were approved (unanimously) at 9.5% for 2025, and not approved for additional years thereafter.

B. HOA/EQUESTRIAN CENTER WATER USAGE

- Review current Agenda Package

C. O&M REVIEW

- Review current Agenda Package

D. WATER SUPPLY CONDITIONS

- Review current Agenda Package

5. DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

A. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL REVIEW – An update on the budget and financial status of the District.

B. WATER QUALITY REPORT – A report regarding water quality complaints, if any, received by the District since the previous CAC meeting and how these complaints were resolved.

C. WATER SUPPLY CONDITIONS – An update on water supply conditions within the District, Southern California, and throughout the State.

D. CALLEGUAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT/METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA UPDATE – An update on decisions and rulings by these agencies which may impact the District.

E. UPDATE ON AVENUES OF PUBLIC OUTREACH – How the District is reaching out to its customers concerning water conservation.

G. BOARD LETTER TRACKER-UPDATE ON VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEMS RELATED TO THE DISTRICT

- None

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H. UPDATE ON ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE (AMI)
IMPLEMENTATION

6. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM
Next Meeting November 19, 2024.