

MEETING REPORT
WATER COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2021
9:00 A.M.

Chair: Director Balen
Member: Director Ringen

Observer: Director Kerns

A Member of the Public

Staff: Don Perkins
Melissa McMullen
Trevor Cowden
Abby Parcon
Steve Sheffield
Erik Johnson
Eric Hall
Matt Nolte

1. Discussion regarding scheduling a tour for the Board of Directors and Public of the Sonora Water Treatment Plant

The Committee discussed scheduling a tour for the Board of Directors and public of the Sonora Water Treatment Plan. Staff responded to questions regarding the condition of the plant and possible areas of discussion for the tour.

Committee Recommendation: The Board will determine the date of the tour after the Carollo assessment has been completed, which is estimated to be after July 2021.

2. Discussion about Billing Procedures and Structure. Consideration of possible water rebate for conservation

Michael Allen, a member of the public, addressed the Committee regarding water conservation, and rebates for conservation.

Committee Recommendation: Staff will work with Mr. Allen to address the issues discussed during the Committee meeting.

3. Review and Discuss Possible Changes to the Water Rules and Regulations, Section 14 – Raw Water Service.

The Committee discussed Water Rules and Regulations, Section 14 – Raw Water Service.

The Committee will work with Don Perkins on the development of a red-line version of the suggested revisions to Section 14 – Raw Water and will be brought to Committee for review.

Committee Recommendation: The Committee did not make a recommendation, review item only.

4. Review and Discuss California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Historic Properties Management Plan (HPMP)

The Committee discussed the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Historic Properties Management Plan (HPMP), future review of the document and processes by the District.

The Committee will review with Don Perkins and Erik Johnson the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Historic Properties Management Plan (HPMP) and any suggested revisions will be brought back to the Committee for review.

Committee Recommendation: The Committee did not have a recommendation, review item only.

5. Review TUD's Fire Flow Standards and Requirements

The Committee reviewed TUD's Fire Flow Standards and Requirements and discussed defining the District's relationship with the Community regarding raw water and treated water. The Committee discussed clarifying the District's priorities in providing fire flow.

Director Ringen would like to see continued discussion on the possible development of a policy for when water is drawn from a fire hydrant without District permission and for the development of procedures for Fire Departments to draw from raw water before treated water when possible.

Committee Recommendation: The Committee did not have a recommendation but will continue discussions on the District's obligation for fire flow and will seek legal review.