

Public Outreach Meeting

6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Clifford Overmier
Bill Claudino
J.W. Dell’Orto
Richard Blood

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Lavaroni

STAFF PRESENT: Donna Leatherman, District Manager
Kate Jesus, Administrative Account Assistant
Bret Beaudreau, Water System Superintendent
Carissa Bear, Customer Service Representative
Chris Williams, Legal Counsel
Gary Ghio, District Engineer, Weber, Ghio & Associates

OTHERS PRESENT: Gretal Tiscornia Michael Falvey
Megan Long Jack Petross
Robert Bock Carole Ward
Nadine Ost Sara Lashley
Shirley Copp Kris Ford
LeAnne Gilbeau Rick Hilderman
Frank Gilbeau Ray Waller
Dennis Reeves Karen Eggleston
Trevor Weber Buzz Eggleston
Todd Fischer Dave Hargrave
Gary Caldwell

1. ROLL CALL: The public outreach meeting was called to order by Director Overmier at 6:00 p.m. Director Overmier, Dell’Orto, Claudino, and Blood were present. Director Lavaroni was absent.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT (Limit: 3 min/person)

- a. Member of the public will be given an opportunity to directly address the Board on any item listed on the agenda.

Director Overmier read the statement and opened comments to the public.

Ray Waller expressed his concerns in regards to the Water Rate Cost of Service Study not being available on the District’s website for viewing. Mr. Waller submitted a letter of concern for record to the Board. The Manager stated that the study would be available on the website. Todd Fischer expressed his concerns regarding the District’s expenses, capital projects and current levels of reserves. Buzz Eggleston thanked the Board for their service to the community and expressed his concerns regarding the District’s lack of grant efforts. He inquired about the possibility of a rate relief for low income households. Mr. Eggleston also submitted a letter of concern for record to the Board.

The Manager introduced herself, the Staff and the Board. She reviewed background information on the District, the previous rate increase in 2012, and options discussed during the development of the proposed water service rate increases. The Manager introduces Gary Ghio, District Engineer to give the presentation.

3. PUBLIC OUTREACH INFORMATION PRESENTATION – WEBER, GHIO & ASSOCIATES: Gary Ghio presented a slideshow on the Water Rate Cost of Service Study explaining the Prop 218 process, District income and expenses, and a review of the proposed rates.

4. DISCUSSION ON WATER RATE COST OF SERVICE STUDY: The possibility of grant funding was discussed by members of the public, the Board, and Staff. The Manager stated the District has received grant funding in the past and is currently working on grants for projects. The District also works with other agencies and organizations on grant opportunities. Dave Hargrave suggested working with San Andreas Sanitary for help with grant opportunities. Mr. Fischer questioned the priority and amount of the District's capital improvement projects presented in the Study. He also mentioned his concerns regarding the payoff of the Railroad Flat loan and asked for clarification. Gary Caldwell thanked Mr. Ghio for discussing the proposed rate increase and the availability of the study to the public. Greta Tiscornia inquired about the possibility of the District building future reservoirs for more water storage or selling unused water. Megan Long requested explanation on the water shortage surcharge. Michael Falvey inquired about the implementation of the five year rate increase and future rate increases thereafter. Nadine Ost was concerned with the amount of the proposed rate increase and possible consideration of other options before making a decision. Members of the public suggested capital improvement projects be made available on the District's website. The Board and Staff addressed the comments and concerns from the members of the public. The District will make updates to the website.

5. ADJOURNMENT (Regular meeting 7/10/18): As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Jesus, Administrative Account Assistant

