



EAST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

January 14, 2020 - 6:00 PM
31111 Greenspot Road, Highland, CA 92346

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any person wishing to speak to the Board of Commissioners is asked to complete a Speaker Card and submit it to the District Clerk prior to the start of the meeting. Each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes, unless waived by the Chairman of the Commission. Under the State of California Brown Act, the Board of Commissioners is prohibited from discussing or taking action on any item not listed on the posted agenda. The matter will automatically be referred to staff for an appropriate response or action and may appear on the agenda at a future meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered by the Board of Commissioners to be routine and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no discussion of these items prior to the time the commissioners consider the motion unless members of the commission, the administrative staff, or the public request specific items to be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar.

- a. Approve the November 12, 2019 Commission Meeting Minutes

DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

2. Sterling Natural Resource Center Project Update
3. Rate Hearing Update
4. Commissioner Comments

5. Staff's Comments

ADJOURN

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a), any request for a disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, that is sought in order to participate in the above-agendized public meeting should be directed to the District Clerk at (909) 885-4900 at least 72 hours prior to said meeting.

Subject to approval

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COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMISSION**

November 12, 2019

MINUTES

Cecilia Contreras, Senior Administrative Assistant, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and led the flag salute.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Dondalski, Laster, Miller, Yauger
ABSENT: Commissioners: Jaurigue
STAFF: Kelly Malloy, Director of Strategic Services; Cecilia Contreras, Senior Administrative Assistant
GUEST(s): None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Senior Administrative Assistant declared the public participation section of the meeting open at 6:01 pm.

There being no written or verbal comments, the public participation section was closed.

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 13, 2019 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

M/S/C (Yauger-Laster) to approve the June 4, 2019 Commission meeting minutes as submitted.

STERLING NATURAL RESOURCE CENTER PROJECT UPDATE

The Director of Strategic Services presented an update to the Commission including information on the additions of the digesters to the project to incorporate onsite energy generation; that this technology will be the co-digestion of sludge produced during the wastewater treatment process with high-grade food waste from the region to help produce electricity; that this renewable source would offset the entire energy needs of the facility and will be able to contribute to the electrical grid. She also stated that District staff continues to work with the State Water Resources Control Board to finalize the funding agreement; that staff is working to submit an application to the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority (CAEATFA) which if approved can result in approximately \$3.5 million in sales tax savings; and that the District was successfully awarded the Proposition 1 and Urban Greening grants totaling over \$8 million in funding.

Information only.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Director of Strategic Services discussed with the Commission that the District is actively engaging in the legislative process; that staff works closely with it's legislative advocates in Sacramento to monitor legislation including but not limited to the water tax, affordable rates program, SB 1, SB 998, AB 1194, water quality regulations, the human right to water, and changes to accessory dwelling units. She also reviewed the District's current Legislative Platform which is a document that provides policy direction for staff and stated that it is currently being updated and will be brought for the Board's approval in the new year.

Information only.

OUTREACH UPDATE

The Director of Strategic Services shared that the District continues to participate in community events such as Discover Highland and Imagine a Day without Water; that staff is sending monthly bill inserts to share the value of water with customers and conservation messages; that staff is currently working on redesigning the bill structure and also notices to comply with new legislation. She stated that staff is looking into ways to reach out to the community to help the rate payers understand Budget Based Rates.

Information only.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

There were no comments at this time.

STAFF COMMENTS

Director of Strategic Services stated that the next scheduled meeting is February 11 but that a meeting in January may be scheduled; and that the District offices will be closed between December 24 through January 1 and will reopen on January 2.

Information only.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Kelly Malloy
Director of Strategic Services



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BOARD AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item #2.
Meeting Date: January 14, 2020

To: Commission Members
From: Director of Strategic Services

Subject: Sterling Natural Resource Center Project Update

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for informational purposes only.

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:

Construction of the Sterling Natural Resource Center continues with multiple elements underway on the east side of the project. This includes professional trades personnel working on grading, rebar, concrete, and other soil work. Due to the flexibility awarded by using the progressive design-build procurement method, while construction takes place, the design effort continues on process engineering, off-site infrastructure, architectural details, landscaping design, and the incorporation of co-generation into the process.

Additionally, permitting efforts have made substantial progress as it relates to the City of Highland, San Bernardino International Airport Authority, Regional Water Quality Control Board, State Water Resources Control Board, City of Redlands, Southern California Edison, and South Coast Air Quality Management District. Members of Team Sterling continue to strive to foster a collaborative spirit relating to this project's investment in the community.

Ensuring that the community is informed of the project's milestones remains a priority. District staff provides project updates both within the monthly bill inserts and social media. Currently, a direct mailer is being developed to provide additional information to residents and property owners.

Lastly, the Final Budget Adjustment has been executed with the State Water Resources Control Board for the State Revolving Funding. This is a key milestone as it allows for construction funds to be reimbursable. The District continues to pursue alternative funding sources to further enhance the project, but is confident in the ability to provide a world class facility with the current team.

AGENCY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

Goal and Objectives IV - Promote Planning, Maintenance and Preservation of District Resources

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

Recommended by:

Kelly Malloy
Director of Strategic Services



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Agenda Item #3.
Meeting Date: January 14, 2020

To: Commission Members
From: Director of Strategic Services

Subject: Rate Hearing Update

RECOMMENDATION:

This agenda item is for informational purposes only.

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:

Water District's, like other rate setting organizations in the State of California, are required to conduct a Cost of Service Analysis at least every five years to evaluate the rates charged to customers. The results of this study are used to develop recommendations for the Governing Board to consider for adoption at a public hearing conducted pursuant to Article XIID of the California Constitution.

A key element of consideration identified within the Cost of Service Analysis includes the continued need for infrastructure investments as part of a sustainable preventative maintenance program. This on-going commitment to the water supply system is essential to avoiding added costs resulting from deferred maintenance.

The District is responsible for maintaining rates that meet the needs of providing services to the public. The recent Cost of Service Analysis and corresponding Draft Rate Proposal reflect the on-going commitment of the District to maintaining world class service for this community.

AGENCY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

Goal and Objectives II - Maintain a Commitment to Sustainability, Transparency, and Accountability

- a) Practice Transparent and Accountable Fiscal Management
- d) Provide Quality Information to Encourage Community Engagement

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this agenda item.

Recommended by:

Kelly Malloy

Director of Strategic Services