



EAST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

December 10, 2020 - 6:00 PM
31111 Greenspot Road, Highland, CA 92346

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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

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DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Water and Wastewater Rate Update
2. Commissioner Comments
3. Staff's Comments

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BOARD AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item #1.
Meeting Date: December 10, 2020

To: Commission Members
From: Director of Strategic Services

Subject: Water and Wastewater Rate Update

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for information 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.

A hearing had been originally scheduled for April 8, 2020. Due to the Stay-at-Home order of the COVID-19 pandemic, the District postponed the hearing for a later date. Given the available technology and increased level of comfort of virtual interactions as a means to encourage public engagement, the District is looking to schedule a public hearing in early 2021. Staff will recommend that the hearing include water, wastewater conveyance, and wastewater treatment rates.

Currently, the District contracts with the San Bernardino Municipal Water Department (City) for wastewater treatment services. Once the Sterling Natural Resource Center is fully permitted and operational that treatment process will be handled internally by East Valley Water District staff. This transition will also trigger the replacement of fees transferred to the City with fees retained by the District.

Rate setting is a key process to maintaining a fiscally sound organization. This structure lays the foundation for revenues for the next five years and addresses the capital investments and on-going operational costs. The District embraces the transparency measures outlined in the California Constitution and will conduct outreach to the community, should the Governing Board schedule a public hearing date. In addition to all property owners and residents receiving a printed notification, information regarding the potential rate change will be available on the District's website. Given the high degree of technical analysis involved in the rate development process, staff will be available by phone to answer questions from the community.

The District has been working with IB Financial Consultants to conduct a cost of service analysis for the

for the District rates. They will give a presentation to discuss their work and the rates they will propose to the District Board of Directors at a Board meeting in January.

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.

Respectfully submitted:

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Director of Strategic Services