

Inland Empire Utilities Agency Regional Sewerage Program Policy Committee Meeting

MINUTES OF January 6, 2011 MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the IEUA/Regional Sewerage Program – Policy Committee was held on January 6, 2011, at the City of Chino Hills, 14000 City Center Drive, Chino Hills, California. Committee Chairperson, Bill Kruger, City of Chino Hills, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members:

Bill Kruger, Chairperson City of Chino Hills
 Earl Elrod City of Chino
 Terry Catlin..... Inland Empire Utilities Agency
 Kathy Tiegs Cucamonga Valley Water District
 John Roberts City of Fontana
 Jim Bowman.....City of Ontario

Absent Committee Members:

Kenneth WillisCity of Upland
 Paul EatonCity of Montclair

Others Present:

Thomas Love Inland Empire Utilities Agency
 Christina Valencia..... Inland Empire Utilities Agency
 Martha Davis..... Inland Empire Utilities Agency
 Craig Parker..... Inland Empire Utilities Agency
 Tina Cheng Inland Empire Utilities Agency
 Gina Hillary Inland Empire Utilities Agency
 Craig Proctor..... Inland Empire Utilities Agency
 Chris Berch..... Inland Empire Utilities Agency
 Michael Chung Inland Empire Utilities Agency
 Beth Olhasso Inland Empire Utilities Agency
 Randy Lee Inland Empire Utilities Agency
 Jim Hill City of Chino
 Anthony La City of Upland
 Mohamed El-Amamy City of Ontario
 John Bosler Cucamonga Valley Water District
 Steve Nix City of Chino Hills
 Chris Bond City of Chino Hills
 Tracy Keough..... O’Rorke, Inc.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Committee Member Earl Elrod/City of Chino, led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Steve Nix/City of Chino Hills, reported that there were no action items from the January 6, 2011 Technical Committee meeting.

ACTION ITEM

1. Approval of Minutes – September 2, 2010

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 : **Motion:** By Committee Member Jim Bowman/City of Ontario, and seconded by Committee Member Earl :
 : Elrod/City of Chino, to approve the minutes of September 2, 2010 as written. :
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 : **Motion Carried: Unanimously.** :
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INFORMATIONAL ITEM

2. Fiscal Year 2010/2011 Rate Proposal

Tom Love/IEUA gave a PowerPoint presentation on proposed rates for the Agency’s Regional Wastewater and Recycled Water Programs. In order to meet Prop 218 requirements, the proposed rates are recommended to be approved by February 2011. Cost containment, key assumptions and two scenarios were discussed. Key drivers for the proposed rate increases are decreased property tax revenues, a decline in the number of EDU’s billed and collected and an increase in premium rates for both CalPers and health insurance.

Kathy Tiegs/CVWD asked if the “new” EDU connections were for new construction and, if the previous EDU’s, when they come back on line, are included in the projections.

Thomas Love/IEUA responded “yes” to both questions.

Kathy Tiegs/CVWD also asked if the Central/Wineville area project comes in under budget, would the Heritage Line project move forward, and also what is the definition of fast-tracking.

Thomas Love/IEUA responded that certainly they would look at using unexpended budget funds to extend that pipeline which is estimated to bring close to 1,000 acre/feet. Fast-tracking would be 2012.

John Roberts/Fontana asked if any thought was given to expansion on RP-3 as far as capacity, and how the facilities fared during the recent storms.

Thomas Love/IEUA replied that there are some improvements already identified that could be made to RP-3 to get more stormwater into it, and there is still some land owned by IEUA where the old wastewater plant structure exists that could be developed into additional recharge capacity. The month of December was a record month for stormwater capture which continued into January. Every recharge facility was operating at full capacity and all facilities operated well. On the wastewater side, flows exceeded double

the rated plant capacity but they were able to use the equalization basins and worked through the storms with no violations on discharge permits.

Earl Elrod/City of Chino asked what dollar amount the EDU rate of \$.41 brings into the Agency.

Thomas Love/IEUA stated that it would be approximately \$1.2M.

Earl Elrod/City of Chino commented that he is uncomfortable with all the “ifs” in the proposal and he would like to sit down with his staff to get a good idea what is going on with union negotiations. He would like to see what the Agency is doing to curtail costs and how a \$20 increase on the recycled water rate is justified. He suggested having a workshop before the next Policy Committee meeting.

Kathy Tiegs/CVWD also would support a workshop and asked when they would have the opportunity to look at the entire budget.

Thomas Love/IEUA stated that the schedule for the budget in draft form is March.

Bill Kruger/City of Chino Hills is also in favor of a workshop and asked when it could be held.

Thomas Love/IEUA suggested meeting at IEUA between now and the February 3rd meeting. He will check dates and schedule the workshop.

RECEIVE AND FILE

3. IEUA Monthly Water Newsletter

Receive and file the IEUA Monthly Water Newsletter included in the agenda packet.

OTHER BUSINESS

4. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Thomas Love/IEUA advised that the Water Softener Task Force had their last meeting and information will be coming in February to continue the process of moving forward with a water softener ordinance.

5. Committee Member Comments

Kathy Tiegs/CVWD thanked IEUA staff for putting together all the information and looks forward to the upcoming workshop.

6. Next Meeting - February 3, 2011

ADJOURNMENT - Meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Transcribed by: *Pamela Sharp*

Pamela Sharp, Administrative Secretary, City of Chino Hills