

CITY OF REDLANDS
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES/PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
Monday, June 1, 2015 at 4:00 P.M.
Regular Meeting
Municipal Utilities & Engineering Department Conference Room
35 Cajon Street, Suite 15A, Redlands, CA

MINUTES

Commissioners Present:

Stephen Stockton (Chairperson)
Mark Stanson
Richard Hernandez
Tim Landis
Norman Miner
Bill Bayne

Staff:

John James, City Council Liaison
Chris Diggs, Interim MUED Director
Cecilia Griego, Water Conservation Coordinator
Celina Suarez, Senior Administrative Analyst

Guest(s):

Dennis Bell

Absent:

Shane Wellborn (unexcused)

I. Municipal Utilities/Public Works Commission - Call to Order, Roll Call and Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting on April 6, 2015

The regular meeting of the Municipal Utilities/Public Works Commission (MU/PWC) was called to order by Chairperson Stockton. The minutes of the regular meeting held April 6, 2015, were unanimously approved.

II. New Business

- A. Discussion of Water Bond Related Funding Sources
- a. Proposition 1
 - b. Proposition 84

Mr. Diggs discussed the following points related to Propositions 1 and 84, and provided clarification upon request:

Proposition 1 (SAWPA)

- \$63 million to Santa Ana Region
- SAWPA managing money and process
- All Santa Ana Region projects go to SAWPA via Muni (IRWMP projects)
- Call for projects anticipated in ~fall 2015, Muni submits projects
- Little information available as to how the process will be managed, but likely similar Prop 84

Proposition 1 Department of Water Resources (DWR)

- DWR managing, i.e. projects submitted to DWR

- Project types- water recycling, groundwater management, water conservation
- Guidelines not released yet, possibly fall/spring

Proposition 84 (2014)

- ~\$12.8 million to Santa Ana Region
- Grant/rebate protocols in the process of being developed by Muni
- SAWPA managing money
- All projects went to SAWPA via Muni
- SAWPA gives money to Muni and Muni manages
- No administrative fee charged by Muni
- Muni Board to approve grant funded projects on Tuesday 5/19/15 at their Board meeting
- The following rebates/projects are to be considered:
 - Turf rebate for large areas (retail water providers to receive reimbursement funds)
 - Aerial mapping (Muni to lead project)
 - Conservation based rate structures (Muni to work with their customers and to lead most of the project)
- Division of grant funds are to be equally divided by each of the Muni customers (retail water providers)

Proposition 84 (2015)

- \$60 million to Santa Ana Region
- Call for projects- large scale regional projects only (8 submitted, only 1 was a appropriate)
- Muni submitted conjunctive use projects (possibly the good one)
- SAWPA managing money

B. State Water Use Regulations Update

Ms. Griego provided an overview of the State's requirements to reduce water consumption. Beginning June 1, 2015, the City is required by the State to reduce a cumulative 36% using the same month in 2013 as the baseline. The City's four phased approach for meeting its required reduction was also discussed. The City is currently in Stage II watering restrictions, and phase III of its four phased approach.

Commissioners asked questions related to increased development and its effect on reducing consumption. Clarification was also requested regarding the City's enforcement of water waste.

C. Water Conservation Update

Ms. Griego presented an update on reductions met in April 2015, which was an 18% decrease from April 2013. Additionally, information on the incentive programs offered to the City's customers was presented, including turf removal rebates, drought tolerant conversions, toilet

conversions, washing machine replacement, weather based irrigation controllers and sprinkler head replacement.

III. Communications

A. Commissioner Reports and Requests for Future Agenda Items

For the next regular meeting Commissioners requested the following items to be added to the agenda: 2014 URS Draft Efficiency Initiatives for Wastewater Treatment Operations Report; Update on PARIS; Water Conservation Update.

IV. Public Comment

Mr. Bell commented on landscaping requirements for new development and expressed concern over its impact on the watering restrictions.

V. Adjournment

Chairperson Stockton adjourned the meeting.

Celina Suarez

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