

**CITY OF REDLANDS
UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting**

**Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department
Conference Room
35 Cajon Street, Suite 15A, Redlands CA
Thursday, December 18, 2014 at 5:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

Members Present:

Stephen Stockton
Theresa Dale
Dr. Elizabeth Casey
Joseph Richardson
Chandrasekar Venkatraman
Brian Malone
Alexz Figueroa

Staff:

Chris Diggs, Interim MUED Director
Mike Pool, Interim City Engineer
Cecilia Griego, Water Conservation Coordinator
Celina Suarez, Senior Administrative Analyst

Consultant:

Sudhir Pardiwala (Excused)
Steve Gagnon

Absent:

None

Guest(s):

Dennis Bell

I. Utility Advisory Committee – Call to Order and Approval of Minutes of Regular Meetings on October 16, 2014, and November 6, 2014.

The regular meeting of the Utility Advisory Committee (UAC) was called to order by Chairperson Stockton. The minutes of the regular meetings on October 16, 2014, and November 6, 2014, were unanimously approved.

II. Discussion of Wastewater Enterprise by Raftelis Financial Consultants/City Staff

- a. Wastewater Financial Plan Update
- b. Wastewater Rates
- c. Customer Impacts

Mr. Gagnon presented items a–c and along with Mr. Diggs provided additional information and clarification related to non-residential customer classes.

III. Discussion of Water Enterprise Financial Plan by Raftelis Financial Consultants/City Staff

- a. Assumptions
- b. Projected Expenses
- c. Capital Improvement Plan Review
- d. Recommended Revenue Adjustments

Mr. Gagnon presented items a–c and along with Mr. Diggs provided additional information and clarification upon request. Items requiring clarification were related to water operations and maintenance projections and capital improvement projects. Item d was presented in the form of two scenarios: \$3.5 million which equates to a 3.5% rate increase and only adjusts for inflation, and \$5 million which equates to a 7% rate increase and allows for additional pipeline to be replaced in the City due to the generally old age of the existing pipeline in the water system. Committee members requested a scenario somewhere between the \$3.5 and \$5 million scenarios to be presented at the next meeting and the customer impacts.

Mr. Diggs presented an overview of the Water Infrastructure Rehabilitation Deployment Program (WIReD), less any discussion of financing the program, which outlines the pipeline deficiencies of the City’s water system. There are roughly 30 miles of pipeline in the City with an average age of 81 years old (16 years above the average life expectancy). Issues related to old pipeline water distribution expenses, water leaks, etc. Mr. Diggs provided additional information and clarification to the committee as requested.

IV. Public Comment

None

V. Adjournment

Chairperson Stephen Stockton adjourned the meeting at 6:27 P.M.