

Minutes

Sacramento Suburban Water District Special Board Workshop Monday, September 10, 2018

Call to Order

President Locke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Locke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Directors Present: Craig Locke, Dave Jones, Kevin Thomas, Kathleen McPherson and Robert Wichert.

Directors Absent: None.

Staff Present: General Manager Dan York, Finance Director Dan Bills, Assistant General Manager Mike Huot, Heather Hernandez-Fort, Dana Dean, Matt Underwood, Annette O'Leary and Lynn Pham.

Public Present: William Eubanks.

Announcements

General Manager Dan York (GM York) announced:

- Reminder that the Facilities and Operations Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 13, 2018, at 2:00 p.m.

Public Comment

None.

Items for Discussion and Action

1. First Draft 2019 Budget

Dan Bills (Mr. Bills) presented the staff report and PowerPoint Presentation.

Detailed information was provided regarding the following topics:

- 2019 Budget
- Reserve Balances
- O&M Budget
- New Positions
- CIP Budget
- OCB Budget
- Debt Service Forecast

Discussion ensued primarily on explaining the proposed budget and answering Director questions.

Director Wichert requested staff to provide a new budget timeline in light of delays in the Compensation Study and Water Rate Analysis.

Mr. Bills expressed that staff would provide an updated timeline at the September 17, 2018 Regular Board Meeting.

Director Wichert suggested to budget nothing for purchasing water through the City of Sacramento. The remaining Directors decided to hold off until roughly November when the City of Sacramento was scheduled to provide the results of their Wholesale Water Rate Analysis.

William Eubanks (Mr. Eubanks) asked several clarifying questions.

Mr. Bills responded to Mr. Eubanks questions.

Mr. Bills expressed that staff was making no recommendations on compensation or rates, until the Compensation Study and Rate Study were complete.

Mr. Bills expressed in detail, the rising cost of water by its components, how the COLA and Merit program affect salaries and the CIP program.

President Locke suggested for staff to look into “green” or hybrid vehicles as part of its vehicle replacement program.

President Locke expressed that he was not interested in using reserve monies from the capital asset fund to balance the O&M Budget. He expressed that he wanted to be sure that the rate study reflected the goals that were in the Master Plan.

Adjournment

President Locke adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Dan York
General Manager/Secretary
Sacramento Suburban Water District