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Special Board Meeting/Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board Meeting
April 17, 2024

Minutes

1. Call to Order:

President Morton called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. on April 17, 2024, at 910 2nd Avenue, Marina, California.

2. Roll Call:

Board Members Present:

Gail Morton – President
Jan Shriner – Vice President
Herbert Cortez
Brad Imamura
Thomas P. Moore

Board Members Absent:

None.

Staff Members Present:

Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager
Roger Masuda, District Counsel
Mary Lagasca, Director of Administrative Services
Derek Cray, Operations and Maintenance Manager
Garrett Haertel, District Engineer
Patrick Breen, Water Resources Manager
Teo Espero, Information Technology Administrator
Paul Lord, Water Conservation Specialist
Sarah Beeson, Operations and Maintenance Coordinator
Barbara Montanti, Customer Service Supervisor
Stephenie Verduzco, Administrative Assistant
Paula Riso, Executive Assistant/Clerk to the Board

Audience Members:

Mark Hildebrand, Hildebrand Consulting
Martin Rauch, Rauch Communication Consultants, Inc.
Phil Clark, Seaside Resident
Tina and Brian Babcock, East Garrison Residents
Nisha Patel, City of Seaside

Agenda Item 2 (continued):

Audience Members:

Layne Long, City of Marina City Manager
Andy Sterbenz, Schaaf & Wheeler
Peter Le, Marina Resident
Samantha Macleod
Alex Stewart
Jim Perrine, Marina Resident
Michael Igno, Marina Resident

3. Public Forum:

A. Review the 2024 Water, Wastewater, and Recycled Water Rate Study:

Mr. Martin Rauch, Rauch Communication Consultants, Inc., reviewed the protocol for the meeting and gave a brief presentation on the background of the District.

Mr. Mark Hildebrand, Hildebrand Consulting, introduced himself and gave a presentation on the 2024 Water, Wastewater, and Recycled Water Rate Study. He reviewed the annual cost increase assumptions and the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) needs. Mr. Hildebrand then reviewed the current and proposed water and sewer rates. He noted that the proposed sewer rate will move from a fixed rate for all customers, to a 50% fixed cost and to develop a 50% variable rate based on actual winter water usage for residential customers. For non-residential customers, a variable rate based on their monthly water use. Mr. Hildebrand also reviewed the increase for the private fire meter charge and the proposed changes to the water shortage surcharge.

Mr. Rauch invited the public to make any comments on the presentation.

Mr. Jim Perrine, Marina resident, stated that the presentation was done really well, and he looked forward to reviewing the CIP more closely. He commended the Board for taking this path to share the proposed changes with the public.

Director Moore thanked those in the public and online who took the time to listen to this presentation.

Director Imamura appreciated the members of the public and ratepayers who attended the meeting. He added that he was fascinated with the work done by the staff and fellow Directors. Director Imamura stated that it was amazing at the amount of work it takes to provide the water that everyone has access to just by turning on their faucet.

Vice President Shriner commented that the presentation was great and asked for clarification on the uniform rate for both Marina and Ord water, as well as noting the water shortage surcharge chart was for both Marina and Ord water.

Director Cortez thanked the public, staff and the consultant for an excellent presentation that was clear to everyone attending the meeting, both in the room and online.

President Morton thanked the public for attending and thanked staff and the consultants. She noted that this was a monumental effort that included multiple meetings and education from the consultant as to the process this has gone through. President Morton stated that staff was present and would be around after the meeting to answer any questions people may have.

4. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

APPROVED:



Gail Morton, President

ATTEST:



Paula Riso, Deputy Secretary