

Minutes

ORANGEVALE COMMUNITY PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

6:30 PM

Orangevale Community Center
6826 Hazel Avenue, Room (Meeting Room)
Orangevale, CA 95662

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EXA – EXCUSED ABSENCE **R** – RESIGNED **U** - UNEXCUSED ABSENCE **TE** - TERM EXPIRED **P** – PRESENT

QUORUM DETERMINATION:

Yes

No

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE:

Yes

No

Matters under the jurisdiction of the CPAC and not on the posted agenda may be addressed by the general public following completion of the regular agenda. The CPAC may limit the length of any off-agenda testimony.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: 6:33 PM

- Introduced presenters- gives overview of the boundaries of the water district. Part of Orangevale falls within the Citrus Heights Water District.
- Description given of the operation of the water district. Notes 30 employees with 1 proposed additional job.
- Describes process for budget formulation – operating fund coupled with other funds includes proposed water conservation reserves
- Discusses the process of wholesale water from the San Juan Water District
- History of the Citrus Heights water system given
- Notes number of ground water wells and the costs of high capacity wells
- Due to the aging infrastructure—pipeline replacement and water meter replacement is a “coming tidal wave” with the cost burden being on the customers
- 2016 rate schedule takes into consideration reduced consumption due to conservation needs
- Launched community outreach efforts to bring awareness to the rate increase changes
- Board questions fielded:
 - Q: How many years have the rates been increased?
 - A: The data is not available at this meeting.
 - Q: What is the proposed salary of the new proposed position?
 - A: Approximately \$100K plus benefits. No savings have been assessed.
 - Q: Where can we find a budget?
 - A: It will be viewable on the water district website?
 - Q: What is driving the rate adjustment?
 - A: The high number of meter and pipeline replacements.
 - Q: How much of a revenue increase will the rate hike give?
 - A: It will increase the reserve funds by \$4 million over a 3 year period.
 - Q: When does the rate go down if the water consumption increases?
 - A: If a good rainy season occurs then the budget will be met. If a drought occurs then next year there will be another rate increase.
 - Q: How many more pipes need to be replaced?
 - A: The pipes are well maintained but specific data would have to be provided by someone not in attendance.
 - Q: Concern over having 30 employees but a salary average of \$3 million dollars averaging \$100K per employee.
 - A: Says there is a shrinking job pool.

Public Comment:

Jim Baker of Carmichael

Concern over the increased budget and the numbers not adding up.

A: Answer the increase will be approximately 14%.

Q: How is the district assessing the aging infrastructure?

A: researching leaks and monitoring over time.

Q: Is there any way to check if meters are faulty prior to replacement?

A: You want to be proactive in order to be accurate and efficient.

Debra of Carmichael

Q: Expressed interest in seeing the budget for the water board.

A: The budget will be available one week prior to the meeting held November 17, 2015. It will be available on the water board website.

Q: What consumption of water is used as a base for determining the baseline forecast for use the following year?

A: Baseline used was that of 2013 or 2014, in essence a pre-drought baseline.

Chair Silvera:

Q: How does the size of the meter affect consumption and cost?

A: The size of the meter doesn't affect consumption.

Q: What determines what size of meter you have?

A: typically it depends on the previous use. For instance if a property was originally farmed for almonds but now it is not the meter might be 2 in. or some larger size than the basic $\frac{3}{4}$ or 1 in.

Pam (unsure of spelling of speaker's last name) of Fair Oaks

Q: Expressed concern over the rate hikes in comparison to the continued increase in employee salaries and the recent office remodeling.

A: The office remodeling was due to outgrowing the small office space and upgrading technological components of the office. The salary increases are based upon "merit and performance" and are also due to difficulty staffing positions due to a shrinking pool of qualified applicants..

Pam of Fair Oaks

Q: How long does the rate hike last for?

A: It is a one year proposal. Beyond that time the situation and factors will be reassessed to decide what the best options are. Note from the Water Board member—it is honestly likely that rates will increase again.

Q: Is the money going into a special fund set aside for improvements to the aging pipeline infrastructure?

A: No it is going to fill up the operating fund and all reserve funds, or better put, the general enterprise.

Note: strong opinions that the funding should go into a special reserve fund specifically for the improvements being touted rather than into a fund that can be used for general use.

Adjourned at: 8:27pm