

Inland Empire Utilities Agency Regional Sewerage Program Technical Committee Meeting

MINUTES OF January 6, 2011 MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the IEUA/Regional Sewerage Program – Technical Committee was held on January 6, 2011, at the City of Chino Hills located at 14000 City Center Drive, Chino Hills, California. Steve Nix, City of Chino Hills, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members:

Steve Nix.....City of Chino Hills
 John Bosler Cucamonga Valley Water District
 Anthony La City of Upland
 Chuck Hays City of Fontana
 Mike HudsonCity of Montclair
 Mohamed El-Amamy City of Ontario
 Jim Hill City of Chino
 Thomas Love Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Absent Committee Members:

None.

Others Present:

Martha Davis Inland Empire Utilities Agency
 Christina Valencia Inland Empire Utilities Agency
 Michael Chung Inland Empire Utilities Agency
 Randy Lee Inland Empire Utilities Agency
 Sylvie Lee..... Inland Empire Utilities Agency
 Tina Cheng..... Inland Empire Utilities Agency
 Chris Berch Inland Empire Utilities Agency
 Patrick Sheilds Inland Empire Utilities Agency
 Craig Proctor Inland Empire Utilities Agency
 LeAnne Hamilton..... Inland Empire Utilities Agency
 Pari Dezham Inland Empire Utilities Agency
 Gina Hillary Inland Empire Utilities Agency
 Craig Parker Inland Empire Utilities Agency
 Beth Olhasso Inland Empire Utilities Agency
 Kathy Tiegs Cucamonga Valley Water District
 Hank Aceves Monte Vista Water District
 Van Jew Monte Vista Water District
 Jesus Plasencia City of Chino
 Dennis Mejia City of Ontario
 Shaun Stone City of Upland
 Bill Kruger..... City of Chino Hills

Mike Maestas..... City of Chino Hills
 Olsen Childress..... City of Chino Hills
 Chris Bond..... City of Chino Hills
 Sean McCarthy..... California Department of Public Health
 Abbi Hertz..... O’Rorke, Inc.
 Tracy Keough..... O’Rorke, Inc.

ACTION ITEM

1. Approval of Minutes – December 2, 2010

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 \ **Motion:** By Mohammed El-Amamy/City of Ontario, and seconded by Chuck Hays/City of Fontana, to approve  
 \ the December 2, 2010 minutes as presented.  
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 \ **Motion Carried: Unanimously.**  
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**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**2. Fiscal Year 2011/12 Rate Proposal**

Thomas Love/IEUA gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining cost containment, key assumptions, proposed rates, recommendations, and the next steps. Key drivers for the proposed rate increase is a decline in property taxes, a 2% decline in EDU’s billed and collected, and a 5.25% increase in premium rates for CalPers along with a 10% increase in health insurance. Of the 2 scenarios presented, the recommendation is Scenario 1 with a \$.41 increase. In order to meet Prop 218 requirements, the proposed rates are recommended to be approved by February 2011.

Anthony La/City of Upland asked if this item will be brought to both the Technical and Policy Committees in February as a recommended action. He also thanked staff for working very hard to look at different scenarios.

Thomas Love/IEUA responded, yes, it will be brought to both committees in February.

Jim Hill/City of Chino commended staff for doing a great job of making this as clear as possible so that he has a good understanding of what the situation is. The City of Chino has had several in-house meetings and it’s looking like, right now, the City of Chino will not support these increases. He asked if there was a vote on the \$.41 increase or was it just discussed.

Thomas Love/IEUA replied that it was not voted on but presented in scenarios as done this year.

**3. Recycled Water Program Update**

Sylvie Lee/IEUA gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Recycled Water Program outlining the capital projects summary and schedule for the different areas, the connected demand, program goals and costs, new and upcoming connections, recycled water supply and demand, changes in flow patterns and demand management.

Mohammed El-Amamy/City of Ontario thanked IEUA, particularly Dennis Mejia and his staff, for working for many years on the new connection for Temple Inland. With this connection, almost 1 MGD would be used for recycled water.

Anthony La/City of Upland stated that Upland is looking forward to their recycled water delivery by the end of this year. He asked if workshops could be held to help the member agencies better understand how recycled water is being allocated in terms of retail use, recharge, etc.

Chuck Hays/City of Fontana agreed that he would also be interested in workshops to better understand recycled water and its usage.

Thomas Love/IEUA thought workshops would be a good idea which would give them an opportunity to talk more about demand management.

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**4. Pretreatment Summary Report**

Thomas Love/IEUA reported that, during the recent storms, over 100 MGD came through their facilities which are rated at a little over 80 MGD. But, with the equalization basins, operations staff did a really good job of managing those flows coming through the plants. There were no violations and no major incidents with the regional sewer system during the storm.

**5. IEUA Monthly Water Newsletter**

Receive and file the Monthly Water Newsletter included in the agenda packet.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**6. Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

Thomas Love/IEUA anticipates coming with a recommendation and possibly some alternatives for consideration on the rate proposals.

Mohammed El-Amamy/City of Ontario asked if IEUA will be bringing the rate with a specific recommendation or different alternatives.

Thomas Love/IEUA replied that there will be a specific recommendation but probably at least one other scenario.

He also advised that the Water Softener Task Force concluded their last meeting today, prior to the Technical Committee meeting, and an information item will be coming in February recommending that they move forward with the process of adopting ordinances associated with the self regenerating water softeners.

**7. Committee Member Comments**

None.

**8. Next Meeting – February 3, 2011**

**ADJOURNMENT** - Meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Transcribed by: *Pamela Sharp*

Pamela Sharp, Administrative Secretary, City of Chino Hills