

MINUTES - WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRFCAC), CITIZENS OVERSIGHT/FIANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CFAC), PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY BOARD (PWAB)
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING - June 25, 2018
MORRO BAY COMMUNITY CENTER (AUDITORIUM) – 3:00 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM: <u>A-3</u>
DATE: <u>June 4, 2019</u>
ACTION: <u>Approved</u>

WRFCAC

PRESENT:	Barbara Spagnola	Vice Chairperson
	Jesse Barron	Committee Member
	Paul Donnelly	Committee Member
	Valerie Levulett	Committee Member
	Doug Rogers	Committee Member

CFAC

PRESENT:	Barbara Spagnola	Chairperson
	Dawn Addis	Committee Member
	David Betonte	Committee Member
	John Erwin	Committee Member
	Walter Heath	Committee Member
	John Martin	Committee Member

PWAB

PRESENT:	Ric Deschler	Chairman
	John Erwin	Board Member
	Janith Goldman	Board Member
	Chris Parker	Board Member
	Stewart Skiff	Board Member

ABSENT:

Richard Sadowski	WRFCAC Member
Steve Shively	WRFCAC and PWAB Vice Chairperson
Doug Rogers	WRFCAC Member
Bart Beckman	CFAC Member
Christian Erlendson	PWAB Member

STAFF:

Scott Collins	City Manager
Rob Livick	Public Works Director
Jen Callaway	Finance Manager
Joe Mueller	Utilities Division Manager
Gina Gregory	Office Assistant

ESTABLISH QUORUM, CALL TO ORDER AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. A quorum of WRFCAC, CFAC, and PWAB was present.

I. Review of Proposed Water and Sewer Rate Increases

Scott Collins and Alex Handlers, Bartle Wells Associates, presented the staff report and proposed water and sewer rate increases.

Discussion, comments and questions continued amongst Committee members, staff, and consultant.

PUBLIC COMMENT

<https://youtu.be/aWiVO3arUlg?t=1h6m50s>

The public comment period was opened.

Eric Fore, Morro Bay citizen, expressed concern about the inequity of the inflation effect the City is enforcing on the community. He stated many of us cannot pass on the added expense and feels commercial interests and landlords will, causing residents to consider moving.

Kerrigan Mayhan, Morro Bay citizen, stated the water recycling needs to be pulled from the project, the project is out of control, and needs to be scaled back, noting the numbers are way too big for a town of 10,000. He feels the City should look into PERC again. He had questions regarding the Prop 218 and the 5-year timeline, the WIFIA loan, and maximum guaranteed rate.

Carol Truesdale, Morro Bay resident, expressed concern about the City's other financial concerns that may require a sales tax measure, and urges the City to think about how it's the cost is going to affect every family.

Barry Brannon thanked everyone for all their time. He compared the rates of San Luis Obispo that were in the Tribune at \$108 per month and feels should be the target, noting \$191 in Morro Bay is too high.

Aaron Ochs, Save Morro Bay, stated the presentation was informative but noted there was a lot of speculation and guesstimates going into the Prop 218 process and costs should be more certain especially in terms of payments. He expressed concern with the costs that seem to keep increasing, noting there needs to be a larger conversation focused on subsidizing some of the cost with grant funding.

Steve Stevens expressed concerned about open-ended questions about injection wells and others, noting we should respect the Blue Ribbon Committee's recommendation in terms of deferring this for a month to get questions answered. He said the 2015 City fact stated the City had adequate funding to proceed with for a viable project in that \$75 million range.

Sharon O'Leary, Community Resource Connections Office, stated they have had a lot of questions about the water and sewer costs, noting that looking at poverty maps developed by Cal Poly and the Food Bank Coalition that about 3500 people fit into one of the three categories of poverty and expressing concern that the PG&E CARE program is using the Federal level of poverty and does not address the other levels of poverty, the State level and United Way real cost measure. She expressed concern on having a one-month time frame for the Utilities Discount Program and offered to help with the applications, so it could be opened year-round.

The Public Comment period was closed.

Discussion, comments and questions continued amongst Committee members, staff, and consultant.

The meeting adjourned at 5:48 P.M.

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