

Wednesday, 7 P.M.

August 1, 2007

**CITIZENS' RATE REVIEW COMMITTEE
MINUTES**
Wastewater Treatment Plant

Members Present:

Chair Matson Haug
Dan Schutter

Charles Zickefoose
Mike Gougler

David Maben

Members Absent:

Michael Sylvester

Ernie Amundson

Staff Present:

Daniel Danicic, PE, Public Works Director
Elizabeth Comfort, Finance Director

Others Present:

Deb Galardi, Galardi Consulting
Sonja Haugen, Austin Industries
Mike Cerbone, WRG Engineering

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Introductions

MOTION: Gougler/Maben to vote Matson Haug Chair. Motion carried.

MOTION: Haug/Maben to vote Mike Gougler Vice Chair. Motion carried.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chair Matson Haug.

Roll call was noted by Dan Danicic.

2. Minutes

MOTION: Gougler/Zickefoose to adopt minutes of the May 3, 2006 minutes. Motion carried.

Dan Danicic handed out updated information for the Rate Review notebook. He briefly introduced the sections of the notebook and dates of meeting and the corresponding projects.

Meeting locations will be at the Wastewater Treatment Facility, with the exception of the September meetings when discussions related to the Spring Customer Class will be on the agenda. The September meetings will be held at the Senior Center located on Foothills Drive.

3. Present Wastewater System Development Charge (SDC).

Dan Danicic presented Deb Galardi, Consultant. Discussions and questions focused on understanding reimbursement and improvement costs and what percentage of new growth is paid by SDCs.

Mr. Haug asked what are the current percentages of the reimbursement and improvement portions of the SDCs. Staff did not have those numbers available. They will be provided at the next meeting.

A summary of why there is a large increase in SDC rates in the proposal:

1. A longer look at CIPs. 5 years vs. up to 20 years of growth and projects.
2. Costs of the major improvements and growth needs in wastewater and water treatment.
3. New master plans were adopted in July 2007 for wastewater collection and the wastewater treatment plant. Previous plans were adopted in 1985.

Mr. Haug asked could the current wastewater treatment plant have been over estimated in the EDU's projected.

4. Present Water System Development Charge (SDC).

Deb Galardi presented the water SDC proposed rates in a similar format to the wastewater presentation.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Next Meeting August 15, 2007, 7pm at the Wastewater Treatment Plant

- Following the meeting adjournment, Dan Schutter requested a look at the cost for water SDCs based on a per plumbing fixture unit cost, as presented in the wastewater presentations. It was agreed by Haug, Maben, and Zickefoose that this should be an agenda item on August 15th.
- Mr. Schutter requested historical information on the SDCs for irrigation meters.