



August 21, 2024

TO: Utilities Advisory Committee
FROM: Laura Durban, Administrative Services Manager
SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 2 – 08/21/2024 UAC Meeting**
Approve Prior Meeting Minutes

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DESCRIPTION

Attached are the minutes of the Utilities Advisory Committee (UAC) meeting held July 17, 2024, for your review and approval.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend that the Utilities Advisory Committee adopt the following Motion:

Motion: I move that the Utilities Advisory Committee approve the minutes of the UAC meeting held July 17, 2024.

Attachment
07/17/2024 Utilities Advisory Committee Minutes

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Los Osos Community Services District
DRAFT - Minutes of the Utilities Advisory Committee Meeting
July 17, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the District Office

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW-UP
<p>1. Call to Order Flag Salute Roll Call</p>	<p>Chairperson Cesena called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.</p> <p><u>Roll Call:</u> James Bishop, Committee Member – Present Jan Harper, Committee Member – Present Leonard Moothart, Committee Member – Present Pam Ouellette, Committee Member – Present Matthew Tallone, Committee Member – Absent Matthew Fourcroy, Vice-Chairperson – Absent Chuck Cesena, Chairperson – Present</p> <p><u>Staff:</u> Ron Munds, General Manager Margaret Falkner, Utility Systems Manager Laura Durban, Administrative Services Manager</p>	
<p>2. Approve UAC Minutes of June 19, 2024</p>	<p>Chairperson Cesena presented the minutes for approval.</p> <p>Public Comment – None</p> <p>Committee Member Harper moved to approve the meeting minutes of June 19, 2024. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Moothart and carried with unanimous consent.</p>	<p>Action – File approved minutes.</p>
<p>3. Basin Management Committee Update (July Meeting Cancelled)</p>	<p>General Manager Munds commented that the BMC Meeting was cancelled, a Growth Management Ordinance meeting between the BMC and the County planned at the end of the month and executing a contract with the Bay Foundation to receive a grant for monitoring wells.</p> <p>Public Comment – None</p>	<p>Action - None</p>
<p>4. S&T Mutual Water Company Water System Consolidation Request</p>	<p>General Manager Munds presented a background, commenting on an S&T provided consolidation analysis, preference to consolidate with the District, shareholder outreach, what consolidation means to the District, potential grant funds, and ensuring no impact on District customers.</p> <p>Committee Member Ouellette inquired about additional staffing, the cost of water systems, cost sharing and rates.</p> <p>General Manager Munds responded that these inquiries would be a part of future discussions.</p> <p>Aaron Floyd, S&T Representative, responded to cost comparisons, tie in cost, age of the system, the SAFER Program, and potential rates to S&T customers being higher to offset costs to buy into the system.</p> <p>Committee Member Moothart inquired about S&T has any grants or debt.</p> <p>The Committee discussed the report, assets, and avoiding negative effects on current District water customers.</p> <p>Public Comment – Jeff Edwards commented on S&T expenditures and needing a reimbursement agreement for District for staff time spent on project and managing relationships with all water purveyors.</p> <p>Linde Owen commented on not-for-profit water purveyor, concrete pipes, costs, assets and voiced her support for the consolidation.</p> <p>Mark Zimmer, Golden State Water's (GSW) General Manager, thanked the Committee, commented on a good working relationship, inaccuracies in S&T's report including GSW's water resiliency, interconnection costs and rate comparison chart, and all purveyors need to discuss connecting of systems for better basin management.</p>	<p>Action – The Committee recommended to the Board that the Board conceptually approve the water system consolidation request from S&T Mutual Water Company (S&T).</p>

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	<p>Julie Tacker inquired about an S&T rate payor cost analysis, commented on ensuring GSW and LOCSD rate payers do not pay to consolidate, cost recovery, staffing, and customer billing.</p> <p>Richard Margetson commented on converting the rate chart for a true comparison, expenses exceeding revenues, and accurate costs to run the S&T system.</p> <p>The Committee discussed this Agenda Item as the beginning of the conversation and the longer process.</p> <p>Committee Member Ouellette recommended to the Board that the Board conceptually approve the water system consolidation request from S&T Mutual Water Company (S&T). The motion was seconded by Committee Member Bishop and carried with unanimous consent.</p>	
5. Utility Department Report	<p>Utility Systems Manager Falkner reported on June 2024's water production, well site production and runtime hours, water billing information, rainfall totals, and call-out records.</p> <p>The Committee discussed the report.</p> <p>Public Comment – None</p>	Action – None
6. Utilities Department Updates	<p>General Manager Munds provided updates on the Program C Well, HCP Implementation, PFAS detection, FEMA resubmittal, and the 2024–25 Budget approval.</p> <p>The Committee discussed the updates.</p> <p>Public Comment – Jeff Edwards commented on the implementation of HCP and provisions required.</p>	Action – None
7. Public Comments on items NOT on this Agenda	<p>Public Comment – Richard Margetson commented on the passing of Jim Quisenberry and his legacy.</p> <p>Julie Tacker commented on the PRAC meeting, park rubber chip project, messaging and community themselves should develop a non-profit to create a dog park.</p>	Action – None
8. Schedule the Next UAC Meeting	<p>The next meeting of the Utilities Advisory Committee is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. unless otherwise noticed.</p>	
9. Closing Comments by UAC Committee Members	<p>Committee Member Harper commented on S&T requesting consolidation.</p> <p>Committee Member Ouellette thanked everyone for their comments.</p>	
10. Adjournment	<p>The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.</p>	