

**Minutes of the Utilities Advisory Committee Meeting  
September 21, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at the District Office**

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW-UP
<p><b>1. Call to Order, Flag Salute, Roll Call</b></p>	<p>Chairperson Cesena called the meeting to order at 5:37 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 Gene Scovell, Committee Member – Present Matthew Fourcroy, Vice-Chairperson – Absent Chuck Cesena, Chairperson – Present</p> <p><u>Staff:</u> Ron Munds, General Manager Julian Metcalf, Administrative Services Manager Margaret Falkner, Utility Systems Manager Carol Gilmer, Administrative Clerk</p>	
<p><b>2. Approve UAC Minutes of August 17, 2022</b></p>	<p>Chairperson Cesena presented the minutes for approval.</p> <p>Public Comment – None</p> <p><b>Committee Member Harper moved to approve the meeting minutes of August 17, 2022. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Bishop and carried with unanimous consent.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Action</u> – File approved minutes.</b></p>
<p><b>3. Basin Management Committee Update</b></p>	<p>General Manager Munds discussed the introduction of the new Director for S&amp;T, the Executive Director report, the recycled water planning state board grant, the selection of a new legal counsel, the reallocating of funds, and why the Cal Poly estimated agriculture water use in the Los Osos groundwater basin proposal was not approved.</p> <p>The Committee discussed the excess budget, the scope of data Cal-Poly's data could have provided, and the creation of an inactive well database.</p> <p>Public Comment – None</p>	<p><b><u>Action</u> – None</b></p>
<p><b>4. Utility Department Report</b></p>	<p>Utility Systems Manager Falkner presented an overview of the Utility Department Report, which is available on the district website.</p> <p>The Committee discussed the different run times of the wells, the status of the South Bay Upper well, and the concern about nitrates.</p> <p>Public Comment – Becky McFarland asked if it was possible to find out where nitrates come from.</p> <p>General Manager Munds responded that a study has been commenced by S &amp; T Mutual, and DNA samples are being tested.</p>	<p><b><u>Action</u> – None</b></p>
<p><b>5. Utilities Department Updates</b></p>	<p>General Manager Munds reported on the completion of the 8th Street Upper Aquifer well, and the progress of the Bay Oaks well.</p> <p>Public Comment – None</p>	<p><b><u>Action</u> – None</b></p>
<p><b>6. Water Supply Resiliency Intertie Project</b></p>	<p>General Manager Munds reported on 2 project components of the Water Resiliency Project and 3 recommendations to the Board.</p> <p>The Committee discussed drought buffers and what recommendations to send to the Board.</p> <p>Public Comment – Becky McFarland inquired if Morro Bay could back out of an agreement, what is the process for pushing the seawater intrusion out, and how many years before the seawater intrusion is not a problem.</p>	<p><b><u>Action</u> – Recommend referring the 3 recommendations in the staff report concerning the Water Resiliency Intertie Project to the Board emphasizing #1</b></p>

	<p>General Manager Munds responded Morro Bay can back out, less pumping during wet years will help control seawater intrusion, and transient models help analyze the impacts groundwater pumping, precipitation impacts on recharge to the basin and help estimate how long it will take to stop seawater intrusion.</p> <p><b>Committee Member Harper made a motion that the UAC recommends referring to the Board the 3 steps in the staff report concerning the Water Supply Resiliency Intertie Project description and favors option #1 for the tie-in.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Send correspondence to the County expressing the District's interest in acquiring State Water</b></li> <li>• <b>Continue negotiations to secure water, preferably Table A water, which is a more assured and reliable water contract</b></li> <li>• <b>Move forward with the environmental work based on the preliminary preferred design presented in the Technical Memorandum in order to position the project for future grant and other funding</b></li> </ul> <p><b>The motion was seconded by Committee Member Scovell and carried with unanimous consent.</b></p> <p>Committee members discussed possible opposition, educating the public about the project's resiliency, and thanked general manager Munds for his forward thinking.</p>	
<p><b>7. Public Comments on Items NOT on this Agenda</b></p>	<p>Public Comment – McFarland commented on distrust of the County and offered her help with the education process.</p> <p>Emily Miggins commented on hooking the sewer up to all of Los Osos.</p> <p>General Manager Munds responded that sometime in the future, regulatory action may be taken, but CSD has no authority over wastewater issues in Los Osos.</p> <p>Committee Member Bishop commented it's not clear whether hooking up the rest of Los Osos to the sewer would have a major benefit.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Action</u> – None</b></p>
<p><b>8. Schedule Next UAC Meeting</b></p>	<p>The next meeting of the Utilities Advisory Committee is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., unless otherwise noticed.</p>	
<p><b>8. Closing Comments by UAC Committee Members</b></p>	<p>Committee Member Harper commented on doing your homework concerning the mid-term elections.</p> <p>Committee Member Moothart thanked General Manager Munds and staff for their hard work on the Resiliency Intertie Project.</p>	
<p><b>9. Adjournment</b></p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.</p>	