



Minutes City of Sacramento Utilities Rate Advisory Commission

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

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Scott Brown	Douglas Brown, Vice Chair	Jeff Donlevy
	Kevin Schubert	

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*New City Hall
915 I Street, 1st Floor – Council Chambers*

December 15, 2011 – 6:30 P.M.

The Utility Rate Advisory Commission is a commission of the City Council with review and recommendation authority. Its purpose is to review utility service rate proposals, develop recommendations on relevant issues regarding the setting of rates, hold rate hearings, and act as a liaison to the community to encourage understanding and participation.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

You are welcomed and encouraged to participate in this meeting. Public comment is taken (3 minutes maximum) on items listed on the agenda when they are called. Public Comment on items not listed on the agenda will be heard at the end of the meeting as noted on the agenda. Comments on controversial items may be limited and large groups are encouraged to select 3-5 speakers to represent the opinion of the group.

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MINUTES

December 15, 2011

*New City Hall
915 I Street – First Floor, Council Chambers*

All items listed are heard and acted upon by the Utilities Rate Advisory Commission unless otherwise noted.

Call to Order – 6:33 p.m.

Roll Call **Present:** Jeff Donlevy, Kevin Schubert, Steven Archibald, Karen McBride, Scott Brown.

Absent: Douglas Brown, Carolyn Veal-Hunter

Consent Calendar

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered and acted upon by one motion. Anyone may request an item be removed for separate consideration.

1. **Approval of Minutes for November 14, 2011.**

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Approve Commission minutes for November 14, 2011.

Contact: Holly Charléty, Senior Staff Assistant, (916) 808-7605, Department of Utilities.

Summary: Motion to approve by Jeff Donlevy, second by Kevin Schubert. All present in favor, none opposed.

Action: Minutes Approved.

Discussion / Action Reports

Discussion or action reports include oral presentations including those recommending receive and file.

2. **Title:** Proposed Rate Adjustments and Alternative Rate Scenarios

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Review and File. Presentation and review of proposed rate adjustment and alternative rate scenarios.

Contact: Dave Brent, Interim Director, (916) 808-1420, Department of Utilities.

Summary: Staff re-reviewed 30 year plan to invest in Water and Wastewater infrastructure, including regulatory compliance and getting into a Best Practices program on replacements. Plan to bring up to 100 year replacement schedule. Overview of what the proposed 3 year rate proposal would give Water and Wastewater. Proposition 218 notice has been sent, including average increases per day and per month for the average rate payer. Reviewed the main regulatory requirements for Water and Wastewater and consequence of non-compliance.

FCS Consultants presented alternative scenarios including delay of such items as best practices in terms of capital improvements, delay of Water Treatment Plant upgrade for 5 more years, as well as continuing on with the current practices for both Water and Wastewater.

Action: Reviewed and filed.

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

3. Public Comments heard from Joan Barden, Michael Faust, Kevin Greene and Greg Hatfield.

Commission Ideas, Questions and Announcements

4. Commissioner Brown asked to see more detail on the business side if the commission holds another meeting prior to the public hearing.

5. Commissioner Donlevy requested comparison information with similar cities and what replacement schedule these cities are on.

6. Chair Archibald requested an item on the next commission agenda (after the public hearing) to elect a new Chair for the commission.

7. Staff reminded commission that the department would appreciate participation in the scheduled rate workshops and neighborhood association meetings.

Adjournment: 8:17pm

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the December 15, 2011 meeting as approved by the Utilities Rate Advisory Commission.

Holly Charléty
Commission Secretary