



Meeting Recap -- Wednesday, January 12, 2011

Committee Members Present: Laura Whitehouse; Gladys Deniz; Marvin Harms; Carol Maul; Sharon Schilling; Sarah Velasquez; Nick Webber, and Nick Yovino.

Absent: Alec Plumb

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Laura Whitehouse, Utility Advisory Committee (UAC) Chair, opened the meeting, welcomed attendees and began a round of introductions. Christal Love, Center for Collaborative Policy (CCP) facilitator, reviewed the meeting agenda and packet materials. The purpose of the meeting was to review the draft 5-Year Rate Plan Recommendations Report (Report). She reviewed the group's ground rules and reminded participants that the last part of the meeting is reserved to allow members of the public the opportunity to share their comments.

Members asked about the status of the commercial solid waste CSW franchising agreement. Although the members were already aware that the item had been postponed, DPU Staff confirmed for the UAC that the City Council would resume the commercial solid waste franchising vote on January 27th, at 3 PM.

2. Draft Report Review

The group reviewed the draft 5-Year Rate Plan Recommendations Report section by section. Members provided suggestions to the text and layout, including the chart structure, how the recommendations should be presented, and what information to include. Proposed edits were divided between members, staff, and the facilitation team.

In order to reserve adequate review time, the group decided to have revised sections sent to the facilitation team by January 19th. The facilitation team will send a revised draft Report to the UAC by January 31st, allowing two weeks review time prior to the next UAC meeting.

3. UAC Memorandum Regarding Commercial Solid Waste Franchise Vote

Given the postponed City Council vote to franchise commercial solid waste service, a member suggested sending the City Council a memo that outlines the UAC's assumptions and position regarding the decision. The member proposed placing an excerpt from the Solid Waste Recommendation section of the Report on UAC letterhead. The group discussed concerns about lay-offs, but the main focus of the

discussion was targeted at the effects for their current CSW rate payers, and the group's responsibility to those rate payers. Members edited the memo's language to clarify their intent and position as related to future rate increases, and voted whether to send the memo to the City Council. The group determined that a majority vote would be sufficient, and that a quorum had been established.

The group approved the proposal to send the memo to the City Council, with six in favor, one opposed, and two members absent. Members would have a final opportunity to review the memo to the City Council the following day via email, and the facilitation team will send the memo on January 14th.

4. Next Steps & Wrap Up

Ms. Love reminded the UAC of the established deadlines for revised sections of the Report and the memo to City Council. The next UAC meeting will take place at 6 PM on Wednesday, February 9th.

5. Public Comment

Loren Harding, general public, reported that he plans to inform the City Council that the nanofilter for direct potable reuse water will be required soon. He expressed that Fresno is taking a significant risk by planning to expand the water distribution plants.

Additional Attendees:

Robert Andersen, City of Fresno

Ann Kloose, City of Fresno

Loren Harding, General Public

Christal Love, CSUS, Center for Collaborative Policy

Nicole Ugarte, CSUS, Center for Collaborative Policy