

City of Woodland
Meeting Minutes – June 7, 2017
Water Utility Advisory Committee (WUAC)

1. Roll Call

Present: Michelle Bilodeau, Tony Buffington, Phil Hogan, Bob Schoech, Dean Simeroth

Absent: John McKean, AK Khera

Staff Present: Lynn Johnson, Craig Locke, Tim Busch, Kim McKinney

2. Public Comment – NONE

3. Committee and Staff Comments

Tim Busch updated the committee on the wastewater SRF loan – the project is complete and ~\$2.4 million under budget on the loan. Staff are still working on finalizing the water SRF projects, but expect to come in under loan amount by ~\$5 million on the local facilities, primarily due to a good bidding climate. The regional project is also under budget due to a good design build team with CH2M Hill.

Staff is watching SB 623 that would put a rate payer fee in place to cover costs of water for disadvantaged communities.

Tim and Greg are attending a symposium in August in Orlando Florida to discuss Woodland's ASR wells.

4. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from April 5, 2017 were approved as amended

5. Utility Assistance Program (UAP)

The UAP is a program to help low-income residents with their utility bills. The City of Woodland provides funding through Measure J, as approved by the advisory measure to provide at least 5% of Measure J revenue to this program. The current program provides \$60/month and served 346 households before funding was exhausted in early October 2016. Based on feedback from the customers, staff is recommending that the program be modified to offer assistance for 12 months instead of 6 months. This will necessitate a reduction in the amount to provide adequate funding to cover more months. On June 6th, staff recommended that Council adopt as part of the FY2017 budget, an additional \$100,000 in funding for the program. The WUAC recommended that staff link a water

conservation element into the UAP so that users of the program can also try to reduce usage through enhanced conservation efforts.

6. ASR Wells – Chromium 6 Regulations

Ferns and Christianson Park ASR Wells are coming along and look like real buildings now. The projects are behind schedule because of 9 weeks of rain delays, but staff was able to extend the SRF loan deadlines to cover the delays. We are doing a first round of injections at Well #28 at Freeman Park. We pumped surface water into the well and then did many chemical reaction tests. All Chromium 6 was out of the water based on test results. The water hardness was slightly higher than surface water alone, but not significantly higher. Testing was recently re-started and staff hopes to complete by the end of the summer.

Chrom 6 – A lawsuit was filed by the Solano Taxpayer group against the State of California for the new Chrom 6 requirements. The state lost the lawsuit and is now required to evaluate economic impact of the new Chrom 6 limits. They have not rescinded the limit and still claim that the mcl is 10 ppb.

7. SGMA (Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency)

The Yolo Sub-basin Groundwater Agency (YSGA) was formed and Woodland is one of the members. This group will now go through a series of activities that must occur before 2022 to create a sustainable groundwater management plan. This includes water balancing between sub basins. We are very interested to see how the balancing will work for Woodland because of our ASR wells. Each eligible entity is responsible for their own water balance.

8. Next Meeting

October 4, 2017 – City Hall, 6:00 pm

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.