



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Utility Advisory Committee

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5:40 PM

City Hall, Room 207

1. Call to Order

Chair Curtz called the meeting to order.

1.A Roll Call

Present: 5 - Chair Thad Curtz, Vice Chair Margaret Drennan, Committee member Michelle Barnett, Committee member Steve Fossum, and Committee member Roger Wilson

Absent: 3 - Committee member David Dunn, Committee member Dever Kuni, and Committee member Chris Ward

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of Minutes

[16-0131](#) Approval of January 7, 2016 UAC Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

4. Public Comment

Bob Jacobs provided public comment on earthquake and emergency preparedness. He attended a recent meeting where the State Emergency Management Department presented information. The State predicts that a massive earthquake will make utilities, such as water and sewer, inoperable for several weeks. He urged the UAC to think about this topic and how to best prepare our community.

Announcements from UAC and Staff

Chair Curtz said that he will not research suggested changes to the LOTT and City rebate programs for water conservation.

Andy Haub announced that the discussion during the UAC's January 7th meeting on water conservation/water loss strategies was presented prematurely. The City is not expecting as much excess drinking water funds as first predicted. The excess drinking water funds will go into the Capital Facilities budget.

City staff will provide an update to Council on sea level rise and climate change at the February 9th study session.

Committee member Michelle Barnett said that LOTT board meetings are now televised on TCTV.

5. Business Items

16-0132 Applying Community Based Social Marketing (CBSM) to Stormwater Education and Outreach Programs

Susan McCleary, Environmental Services Senior Program Specialist, and Jeremy Graham, Surface Water Quality Planner, presented information to the UAC on the concepts of community based social marketing (CBSM). Water Resources, Environmental Services utilizes CBSM tools within certain education and outreach programs to change adverse behaviors. Most recently CBSM concepts were used with Olympia's Natural Lawn Care and Business Pollution Prevention program. Staff provided a summary and statistics from these programs.

Staff will soon use the CBSM approach to educate citizens to reduce construction runoff (both residential and commercial). Construction runoff is shown to adversely affect water quality.

The UAC thanked Susan and Jeremy for providing the briefing.

The information was received.

16-0133 Reclaimed Water Infiltration Study Update

Donna Buxton, Senior Program Specialist with Water, presented information on the LOTT reclaimed water infiltration study. The multi-year study is currently at the midway point. The study primarily explores the risks of infiltrating reclaimed water into groundwater due to chemicals that may remain in the water from products people use every day, such as artificial sweeteners, medicines and personal care products.

Staff and the UAC discussed the study and its findings. The UAC thanked Donna for providing the update.

The information was received.

6. Adjournment

Chair Curtz adjourned the meeting.