

Independent Rates Oversight Committee (IROC)
Meeting of March 15, 2021



1. **Roll Call**

Chair David Akin called the full IROC meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Roll call was conducted and a quorum was declared. Attendance is reflected below:

<u>Members:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
David Akin, Chair	X	
Tiffany Mittal, Vice Chair	X	
Christopher Dull	X	
Gordon Hess	X	
Jeff Justus	X	
Jack Kubota	X	
Luis Osuna	X	
Jim Peugh	X	
Linh Quach	X	
<u>Ex-Officio Members:</u>		
Jerry Jones, Metro JPA		X
Jim Peasley, Metro JPA Alt.		X
Tony Heinrichs, City-10		X

Some of the City representatives present included: Shauna Lorange (Director of Public Utilities), Lisa Celaya (Assistant Director), and Christine Leone (Chief Deputy City Attorney).

2. **Non-Agenda Public Comment** – None.

3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from Meeting of February 16, 2021** – *David Akin, Chair*

ACTION: Chair Akin asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Motion by Member Peugh to approve. Second by Member Hess. Motion passed 9-0.

4. **Chair Updates** – *David Akin, Chair*

- Chair Akin reminded the members to go online to complete their Form 700 which is due April 1st.

5. **Mayor and Council Staff Comments** – *Ally Berenter, Program Manager*

- Provided an update on the recent ruling in the Otay Water District Case.
- The Mayor gave authorization to move forward with the Wastewater Cost of Service Study and a CWA pass thru.
- The IROC Members were informed of the Rates-related training at City Council on March 16th.

6. **PUD Updates** – *Shauna Lorange, Director of Public Utilities*

- Provided vaccination updates for City staff in the eligible tiers.

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7. **Presentation: Update to City of San Diego's 2020 Urban Water Management Plan** – Keli Balo, Assistant Deputy Director of Public Utilities
8. **Presentation: Pure Water Update** – John Stufflebean, Assistant Director of Public Utilities
9. **Discussion: Adopt FY20 IROC Annual Report and Recommendations** – David Akin, Chair
 - Chair Akin asked IROC to submit their biographical information by March 22, 2021.
 - A summary of IROC's biographical information will be submitted with last year's annual report.
 - Vice Chair Mittal asked to have members roles listed next to their names.
 - Vote to adopt the final summary letter to be added to next month's agenda.
10. **City 10 County Water Authority Update** – None.
11. **Metro JPA Report Out** – None.
12. **Proposed Agenda Items for Upcoming IROC Meetings** – David Akin, Chair
 - Chair Akin asked for an update on the Water Conservation Plan.
 - Vice Chair Mittal requested information on proposed COSS-Rate Structures.
 - Plan to have a COSS Ad Hoc meeting to discuss Rate Structures based on existing rates.
 - Infrastructure & Operations Subcommittee – Member Peugh asked to be updated on the level of infrastructure replacement and staffing the COSS is based on. PUD plans to provide the wastewater update soon followed by a water update.
 - IROC requested for Subcommittee Chairs to be notified in advance of cancellations.
13. **IROC Members' Comments** – IROC Members
 - Proposed agenda items carried over from the August 2020 minutes:
 - Lake Hodges Condition Assessment Update.
 - Chollas Operations Center Update.
 - Chollas Operations Center Tour.
 - Customer Support Division Call Center Update.
 - Proposed agenda items carried over from the October 2020 minutes:
 - COSS-Rate Structures.
 - Update on Outstanding Performance Audits (with a dashboard to track the status of each audit).
 - Members expressed interest in having subcommittee meetings to address the Work Plan items.
 - Proposed agenda items carried over from the November 2020 minutes:
 - Vice Chair Mittal would like for the COSS item to be added to the next agenda.
14. **Meeting adjourned: 11:27 a.m.**

Minutes submitted by: Portia Bell