

Independent Rates Oversight Committee (IROC)
Meeting of May 17, 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

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 April 19, 2021** – *David Akin, Chair*

ACTION: Chair Akin asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Motion by Member Hess to approve with minor edits. Second by Member Peugh. Member Dull abstained. Motion passed with 6 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstained.

4. **Chair Updates** – None.

5. **Mayor and Council Staff Comments** – None.

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

- Member Hess asked about the status of in-person meetings. Director Lorange indicated staff is awaiting direction on the timeframe to resume in-person meetings.

7. **Presentation: Industrial Waste Control Program Audit Update** – *Luis Briseno and Shadi Matar, Performance Auditors, Office of the City Auditor*

8. **Presentation: Update on Outstanding Performance Audits** – *Lisa Celaya, Assistant Director*

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9. **Discussion: IBA/Stantec Update** – *Jillian Kissee, Fiscal & Policy Analyst, Office of the IBA*

10. **Presentation: City Dam Safety Program Update** – *Juan Guerreiro, Interim Executive Assistant Director and Vien Hong, Senior Civil Engineer*

11. **City 10 County Water Authority Update** – *PUD Staff*
 - The County Water Authority (CWA) will release the 2-year proposed budget and rates in May with an expected vote in June.

12. **Metro/JPA Report Out** – *Jerry Jones, Metro/JPA Representative*
 - Reviewed the Point Loma Treatment Plant Erosion Assessment & Monitoring Plan PPT.

13. **Proposed Agenda Items for Upcoming IROC Meetings** – *David Akin, Chair*
 - The Subcommittees plan to meet in June to discuss the FY22 Work Plan.

14. **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.
 - 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.
 - Proposed agenda items carried over from the March 2021 minutes:
 - Chair Akin asked for an update on the Water Conservation Plan.
 - Infrastructure & Operations Subcommittee – Member Peugh asked for an updated on the level of infrastructure replacement and staffing the COSS is based on for both water and wastewater.
 - Proposed agenda items carried over from the April 2021 minutes:
 - Member Hess would like to have more information regarding the Pure Water, Phase II option mentioned in Member Jones' Metro/JPA Report Out.
 - Chair Akin would like to have a presentation on the Customer Support Division/Office of the City Treasurer collection process.
 - Member Kubota recommended adding an item on the “Valve Maintenance and Replacement Program in the Potable Water System” to an upcoming Infrastructure & Operations Subcommittee agenda.

15. **Meeting adjourned: 11:14 a.m.**

Minutes submitted by Portia Bell