

Independent Rates Oversight Committee (IROC)
Meeting of June 21, 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) and Christine Leone (Chief Deputy City Attorney).

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

3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from Meeting of May 17, 2021** – David Akin, Chair

ACTION: Chair Akin asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Motion by Member Peugh to approve. Second by Member Kubota. Motion passed with 8-0.

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

- Shared information regarding the Office of Boards & Commissions' new streamlined processes and online portal.
- Chair Akin would like to invite the Director of the Office of Boards & Commissions to attend a future IROC meeting to discuss the new streamlined processes and online portal.

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

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

- Provided an update on the lifted boil water notice for the Encanto area.

7. **Presentation: Independent Review of Wastewater Financial Plan, Cost of Service Study, and Rate Study Report** – Andrew Burnham, Stantec Consultant, and Jillian Kisse, Fiscal & Policy Analyst, Office of the IBA

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8. **Presentation: Wastewater and Water Rate Adjustments, Cost of Service Study, and Proposition 218 Notice** – Adam Jones, Deputy Director

9. **Discussion: Implementation Plan for the Industrial Wastewater Control Program (IWCP) Audit Recommendations** – Joy Newman, Program Manager

10. **Discussion: Adopt FY22 Work Plan** – David Akin, Chair
ACTION: Chair Akin asked for a motion to approve with minor edits. Motion Member Hess. Second by Member Peugh. Approved by Chair Akin, Vice Chair Mittal, Member Hess, Member Kubota, Member Justus, and Member Osuna. Motion passed with 6-0.

11. **Metro/JPA Report Out** – Jerry Jones, Metro/JPA Representative
 - Provided an update regarding the approval to hire a new facilitator to work with the JPA and San Diego members.
 - Mentioned a brief update regarding contract changes regarding Pure Water agreements.

12. **Proposed Agenda Items for Upcoming IROC Meetings** – David Akin, Chair

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.
 - 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.
 - Proposed agenda items carried over from the June 2021 minutes:
 - Chair Akin would like to invite the Director of the Office of Boards & Commissions to attend a future IROC meeting to discuss the new streamlined processes and online portal.

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14. Meeting adjourned: 11:46 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Portia Bell