

Independent Rates Oversight Committee (IROC)  
Meeting of July 19, 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:

<b><u>Members:</u></b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
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	
<b><u>Ex-Officio Members:</u></b>		
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 Ray Palmucci (Deputy City Attorney).

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

3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from Meeting of June 21, 2021** – *David Akin, Chair*  
**ACTION:** Chair Akin asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Motion by Member Peugh to approve. Second by Chair Akin. Motion passed with 6-0. \*Note: Member Osuna arrived after item 3 was approved.

4. **Chair Updates** – *David Akin, Chair* – None.

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

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

- Provided an update on the recent salary increases and special salary adjustments.

7. **Presentation: San Pasqual Valley Groundwater Basin Sustainability Plan** – *Keli Balo, Assistant Deputy Director and Karina Danek, Principal Water Resource Specialist*

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8. **Discussion: Water Delivery Branch Reorganization** – *Juan Guerreiro, Executive Assistant Director*
  
9. **Metro/JPA Report Out** – None.
  
10. **Proposed Agenda Items for Upcoming IROC Meetings** – *David Akin, Chair*
  - Chair Akin will reach out to PUD to discuss and prioritize agenda items for this fiscal year.
  
11. **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.
    - I&O Subcommittee – Member Peugh asked for an update 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 I&O 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 IROC meeting to discuss the new streamlined processes and online portal.
  - Proposed agenda items from this July 2021 meeting:
    - Member Kubota would like to have an update on the Climate Action Plan.
    - Member Kubota asked for an update at full IROC and one of the subcommittees on the recent employee settlement (pending CAO approval on sharing this information).
    - Chair Akin and Member Kubota would like to combine the collection process presentation proposed in the April 2021 bullet above with an update on the status/timing on lifting water shutoff restrictions.
  
12. **Meeting adjourned: 10:47 a.m.**  
  
Minutes submitted by Portia Bell