



AGENDA

Water Shortage Task Force

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TASK FORCE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2015, 6:00 P.M.

VENTURA WATER MAINTENANCE YARD, 336 SANJON ROAD, VENTURA

ROLL CALL

COMMITTEE ITEMS

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, SPECIAL MEETING ON DECEMBER 16, 2014

Staff: Sylvia Lopez, Administrative Secretary

Recommendation: Approve December 16, 2014 meeting minutes

2. EX PARTE COMMUNICATION

Staff: Shana Epstein, Ventura Water General Manager

Recommendation: Receive communication.

3. STATE CONSERVATION REPORTING UPDATE

Staff: Ryan Kintz, Environmental Services Specialist

Recommendation: Receive and file report.

4. WATER SHORTAGE RATES

Staff: Shana Epstein, Ventura Water General Manager and Sudhir Pardiwala, Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc.

Recommendation: Recommend to the City Council to incorporate Water Shortage Rates that reflect the following policy considerations:

- A. The existing Tier 1 for residential customers will be split into two tiers to provide a protected range of water usage wherein the per hundred cubic foot (hcf) charge will not increase; thus, creating a four tier rate structure.
- B. Non-residential customers will be expected to conserve half of the mandatory call for conservation; therefore, the per hcf charge will increase for full revenue recovery at the relevant loss.
- C. The rates will be increased for each stage of mandatory conservation to ensure full revenue loss recovery.
- D. Any additional expenses from the water wholesaler or regulatory agencies due to drought will be passed onto customers through a water shortage pass through when the City's Water Enterprise is charged. For Stages 2 through 5 the pass through will only affect Water Shortage Tiers 3 and 4 and for Stage 6 the pass through will affect Tiers 2 through 4.

5. DRAFT WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN

Staff: Karen Waln, Management Analyst II

Recommendation: Recommend to the City Council to approve the Draft Water Shortage Event Contingency Plan that reflects the following policy considerations:

- A. What constitutes a water shortage event and the triggers that would identify which stage of action would be necessary to respond to a water shortage event.
- B. The identification of six stages spanning from advisory (10% voluntary) to critical (50% mandatory) reduction goals, and the appropriate response actions by Ventura Water customers and the City to attain those goals.
- C. Actions in response to a catastrophic interruption in water service.
- D. Enforcement actions related to water restrictions.
- E. Measures to overcome revenue impacts from reduced water sales during a water shortage event.

6. SELECTION OF TASK FORCE MEMBER TO SUPPORT VENTURA WATER STAFF IN PREPARATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO CITY COUNCIL

Staff: Shana Epstein, Ventura Water General Manager

Recommendation: Select a member of the Task Force to work with City staff in preparation of recommendations from Task Force to City Council.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT – (For items not listed on this agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the Task Force. Note that no general discussion of such items, or action on such items, may be taken by the Task Force. At this time, the Task Force will provide an opportunity for the public to address them on any subject, which is not scheduled on this Agenda but is within the jurisdiction of the Task Force. Comments are limited to three (5) minutes.)

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