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Finance/Public Relations/Education and Personnel Committee Regular Meeting Report

Board Meeting Office 1720 N. Cherokee Trail, Landers, CA 92285 Wednesday, May 17, 2017 - 9:00 a.m.

Committee Members: Michael McBride & Larry Coulombe

Call to Order

Director McBride called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mary Coulombe

Roll Call

Directors:

Michael McBride

J. Larry Coulombe

Staff:

Marina West

Michelle Corbin

Approval of the Agenda

Director McBride and Director Coulombe approved the agenda as presented.

Workshop

Draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018

General Manager West began the discussion with a review of the proposed budget revenue. West reviewed and compared the fiscal year 2014-2015, 2015-2016 actuals and the current fiscal year 2016-2017 to the draft fiscal year 2017-2018 budget. West described to the Committee the various sources of income revenue and how income expectations were calculated. Revenue items discussed included bond debts, property tax liens and water consumption.

Expense items such as improved communication devices for the field staff, employee health benefits and CalPERS retirement benefits were reviewed. West explained to the Committee improvements to infrastructure set to continue into the new fiscal year such as service line and meter replacements within the Goat Mountain territory.

West also stated some budget line items such as "water testing" will not see a reduction because while currently low, they are expected to increase in the near future.

One operating expense, the well pump "power" costs is expected to continue to rise. To help off-set and reduce costs the agency is looking at solutions to reduce motor horsepower.

When addressing Directors fees, the Committee discussed possibly dropping agency attendance to the Homestead Valley Community Council meetings next year. West also reviewed debts scheduled to "sunset" over the next four to five years.

Lastly, the pending rate increase and ad valorem rate and how it pertains to the draft budget was discussed. The Committee commended West on the draft budget and requested it be brought to the full Board for consideration.

Public comment: None

Consent Items

a. Regular FPREP Meeting Report, March 15, 2017

Public comment: None

Director McBride and Director Coulombe approved the report.

Public Comment Period

No public comment.

Verbal Reports

Committee Member Comments/Reports – No Reports

General Managers Report – No Report

Adjournment - Director McBride adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.