

WATER DISTRICT 19
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Thursday, August 27, 2019

SPECIAL MEETING 6:00 PM

Board President **Bob Powell** called the Regular Meeting of The Water District 19 Board of Commissioners to order at 6:05 PM. Commissioners **Seth Zuckerman** and **Michael Weller**, and General Manager **Jim McRae** were present.

AGENDA:

• **VISITOR BUSINESS**

- No visitors present

• **BOARD – ACTION REQUIRED**

- *Additional information required for meeting & Confirmation*
- Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Powell at 6:18 pm
- Meeting Minutes from August 15th Regular Meeting were approved
- General Manager discussed King County's plans to construct a radio/microwave tower to support the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network (PSERN) – General Manager McRae will work with project team to seek a solution to the proposed addition of a second diesel fuel storage tank within the well protection area.
- The Capital Improvement Plan was reviewed and prioritized. Self-funding scenarios and subsequent borrowing were discussed and will be revisited as projects are approved. – see attached CIP schedule
- Commissioners approved the engineering design proposal for the 216th Main Replacement project. The project was awarded to G&O Consulting.
- Commissioners approved the purchase of the Mini Excavator & trailer for in-house projects, such as short main distribution runs and service installations. The equipment replaces the Case Backhoe that had been approved to be salvaged.
- The Commissioners approved \$16,920 for the replacement of the Continental Billing System, which will not be supported in early 2020. Continuity of the billing system is critical as it holds usage records and vital customer data.
- The seismic retrofit project originally submitted to FEMA for funding was discussed and the commissioners agreed to resubmit the project for the next round of FEMA funding. The project is being supported by both Vashon Fire & Rescue and Be Prepared Vashon. Total cost of the project is estimated to be \$2 million.

• **BOARD – DISCUSSION/TABLE/MORE INFORMATION**

- Waiting List for Water Units – The board discussed the release of water units currently on the waiting list (currently 55 units). General Manager McRae will work with Gray & Osborne to reassess the current General Facility Charge prior to making a decision on the timing and number of units to release. Recent improvements in well capacity has raised some optimism about the release of some, or all depending on further analysis.
- General Manager McRae discussed production and improvements made to the Main Wellfield, specifically the results after the Well #4 rehabilitation was completed in early May 2019.

- Water System Plan Update – Revised production numbers were presented to the board meeting for review and Chapters 1 – 7 have been completed based on the production data. With the CIP approved, Chapter 8 is close to completion and much of Chapter 9 – Finance will be completed and reviewed at a later meeting.
- General Manager McRae, Chief Krimmert & Rick Wallace attended the King County Hazard Mitigation Meeting on Thursday, August 22nd and had discussions with County and State emergency planning personnel regarding the seismic mitigation project. The project scored high when presented to FEMA in 2017, and there is optimism that with adequate Federal funding it could pass in the 2020 funding cycle.
- Discussion on increasing the minimum operating reserves from \$500,000 was discussed

• **ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

- No reports other than those presented in the course of evaluating and approving projects presented.

Commissioner Weller made a Motion to conclude the meeting @ 8:17 PM; **Commissioner Powell** seconded. Motion passed unanimously.