



MINUTES OF BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING July 11, 2023

Responsible for the review of District finances including: rates, fees, charges and other sources of revenue; budget and reserves; audit; investments; insurance; and other financial matters.

Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., at the SLVWD Conference Room, 12788 Highway 9, Boulder Creek, CA and via videoconference and teleconference.

MINUTES

1. **Convene Meeting:** 4:00 p.m.
Roll Call

Committee Members - Present

Gail Mahood, Committee Chair
Jeff Hill
Jim Bahn
Monica Martinez
Jim Mosher

Staff - Present

Rick Rogers, District Manager
Kendra Reed, Director of Finance and Business Services
Scott Mattoch, Network Specialist
Holly Hossack, District Secretary

2. **Oral Communications:**
B. Holloway, Boulder Creek, noted that there was an error on the agenda where it reads, ...quorum of the Board must participate..., it should read ... quorum of the Committee must participate...
3. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHWAP) UPDATE
K. Reed introduced and explained this item.

Discussion by the Committee regarding:

- This is a poorly designed program, the paperwork is daunting
- There is help for interested parties to navigate the process
- It is difficult to access

B. Holloway, Boulder Creek, asked if this program overlaps with the District's Low Income Rate Assistance program. It does not.

4. **New Business:**

a. RATE STUDY

K. Reed and R. Rogers introduced this item and encouraged the Committee to attend.

Discussion by the Committee regarding:

- Will the Raftelis presentation be shared with the Committee prior to the meeting?
- What will happen if you lose power - meeting will be postponed
- There will be multiple opportunities to comment and participate in this process
- There is another on the same evening with Big Basin Water, the State, and the stakeholders. It does not involve the District.
- What happens after this meeting?
- Possibility of neighborhood meetings
- The Board can hold as many public meetings as necessary (day and evening meetings are suggested)
- Add the Rate Study Review to all B & F agendas through this process
- Timing/Scheduling of public meetings

B. Holloway, Boulder Creek, said that he is not interested in certain neighborhoods paying more than others. He also said that water is underpriced.

b. CZU BASIC WAIVER

K. Reed introduced this item and explained the Basic Waiver.

Discussion by the Committee regarding:


- Not including properties that are not re-building and properties that are for sale
- Possibility of continuing the waiver until the property is sold
- There are no meters on the properties but they are still getting fire protection services
- Keep track of homes that are being re-build or for sale an administrative burden for staff
- All CZU customers should get the extended basic waiver or no one should
- Fixed costs are 80% of what it costs to run the District
- This also applies to other catastrophic disasters recognized by federal and state government

A motion was made and seconded to recommend that the Board grant a 2-year extension for the District's Basic Waiver Policy to customers affected by the CZU Fires.

The motion passed in a four to 1 vote. G. Mahood voted no.

5. Informational Material:

 [Geologic Controls on the Water Resources of SLVWD.pptx](#)

 [Challenges of running a water district in SLV.pptx](#)

This is an informational item showing challenges specific to the District. It can be shared with the community.

6. **Adjournment:** 5:07 p.m.