

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JULY 7, 2022

A Utilities Department Quarterly Update Meeting was held at the Murdock Administration Complex in Commission Chambers; Room 119, Port Charlotte, Florida.

The following members were present: Chair Truex, Commissioner Constance (departed at 4:07 pm), Commissioner Deutsch, Commissioner Doherty, and Commissioner Tiseo. Also in attendance were: County Administrator Flores, County Attorney Knowlton, Minutes Clerk Welsh, and various County staff members. The following members were absent: None.

The Meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input - None

1. Fiscal Update

Rick Arthur, Fiscal Services Manager gave a brief overview of Agenda, Utilities Capital Funding, Utilities Debt Service Funding, Utility Debt by Financing Mechanism, Utility Debt by Repayment Source, Utility Uses of Debt, State Revolving Fund (SRF) Financing Review, SRF Financing, SRF Construction Loan Process, Potential Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Annual SRF Awards & Cap Zone Protection, Currently Outstanding SRF Loans, Pipeline/Potential SRF Loans, Water Authority Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Update, and Reimbursement Resolution Details.

Chair Truex mentioned Peace River, Utilities Debt by Financing Mechanism, and Water Authority CIP Update. **Commissioner Constance** discussed Utilities Debt Service Funding, focused development, rate payers, benefit, Burnt Store Road, Utility Debt by Financing Mechanism, Utility Debt by Repayment Source, and SRF Financing. **Commissioner Deutsch** commented on SRF Financing and savings. **Commissioner Doherty** noted Utility Debt by Financing Mechanism, Peace River, financial obligation, SRF Construction Loan Process, Sarasota County, and Water Authority CIP Update. **Commissioner Tiseo** spoke to Potential FDEP Annual SRF Awards & Cap Zone Projection, joint application, benefit, and Utility Debt by Financing Mechanism.

Kenneth Stecher, Utilities Engineer III responded to Potential FDEP Annual SRF Awards & Cap Zone Projection, Water, Reclaimed, and Sewer Master Plans, designs, Utility Debt by Financing Mechanism, and Water Authority CIP Update.

2. Utility Update

Dave Watson, Utilities Operations Manager gave a brief overview of Agenda, Monthly Purchases from Water Authority, Water Produced at Burnt Store, Reclaimed Distributed, Water Reclamation Facilities

Percent of Capacity, Water Distribution, Wastewater Collection, New Customers, Engineering, Business Services, Customer Support Center, Customer Support Data, Public Relations, Employee Performance Measures, Babcock Ranch Permit and Water Allocation, Utility Initiatives, and Internship Programs.

Chair Truex mentioned Wastewater Collection, Business Services, and Babcock Ranch and Water Allocation. **Commissioner Constance** discussed Water Reclamation Facilities Percent of Capacity, Inflow and Infiltration (I&I), efficiency, workforce, training, Babcock Ranch Permit and Water Allocation, salinity, pipelines, Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority (PRMRWSA), Bermont Road, and Burnt Store Road. **Commissioner Deutsch** commented on Water Reclamation Facilities Percent of Capacity and Business Services. **Commissioner Doherty** noted Water Reclamation Facilities Percent of Capacity, Babcock Ranch Permit and Water Allocation, permit, water quality, and data. **Commissioner Tiseo** spoke to I&I, cost, Water Reclamation Facilities Percent of Capacity, Wastewater Collection, State Legislative Agenda, and Babcock Ranch Permit and Water Allocation.

Mr. Stecher replied to Water Reclamation Facilities Percent of Capacity, FDEP, Sewer and Water Master Plans, timeframe, Babcock Ranch Permit and Water Allocation, and legislation.

Charles Rine, Utilities Field Supervisor responded to Wastewater Collection.

County Attorney Knowlton interjected on Babcock Ranch Permit and Water Allocation, need, demand, and Purchase and Sale Agreement.

3. Projects Update

Mr. Stecher gave a brief overview of Engineering Projects, East Port Expansion, Burnt Store Replacement, U.S. 41 Commercial Sewer, Deep Creek Force Main, Ackerman – Water Quality Improvement, Lakeview/Midway – Water Quality Improvement, Quesada Force Main Replacement, Cochran Reclaim Extension, State Road (SR) 776 Force Main Replacement (Biscayne to Sports Park), Master Plans & Reports, West Port Expansion, South County Upgrades, and Renewal & Replacement (R&R) Planned Projects.

Commissioner Constance mentioned Burnt Store Replacement, capacity, need, Lakeview/Midway – Water Quality Improvement, and Quesada Force Main Replacement. **Commissioner Doherty** discussed Deep Creek Force Main and Quesada Force Main Replacement. **Commissioner Tiseo** commented on U.S. 41 Commercial Sewer, compensation, and SR 776 Force Main Replacement.

(Deleted) 4. Water Master Plan Update

5. Wastewater Collections and Treatment Ordinance Revisions

Mr. Watson highlighted Wastewater Collections and Treatment Ordinance Revisions, replied to inspections, maintenance, lateral testing, Capacity Management Operation Maintenance (CMOM) Program, process, industrial users, commercial and residential properties, and code enforcement.

Julie Karleskint, Hazen and Sawyer Senior Associate gave a brief overview of Background, Major Revisions, Division 1: Generally, Added New Definitions, Division 2: General Wastewater Use Requirements, Division 3: Pretreatment of Wastewater, Division 4: Permit Procedures, Division 5: Rates, Fees, and Charges, Division 6: Reporting and Compliance, Division 7: Enforcement and Remedies, and Division 8: Affirmative Defenses to Discharge Violations.

Chair Truex noted condition and permits. Commissioner Doherty spoke to monitoring, Division 7: Enforcement and Remedies, frequency, and laterals. Commissioner Tiseo mentioned Division 6: Reporting and Compliance, language, definitions, wastewater treatment, Division 7: Enforcement and Remedies, Division 8: Affirmative Defenses to Discharge Violations, industrial users, and code enforcement.


County Attorney Knowlton interjected on rights, defenses, code enforcement decision, and appeal.

AA. County Administrator - None

BB. County Attorney - None


CC. Commissioner Comments - None

ADJOURNED: 4:10 pm



William G. Truex, Chair

DATE ADOPTED: July 26, 2022



ATTEST:

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OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND
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