

Procedures for Proposed Rates Increase

May 20, 2015

Board of Directors Meeting

City Council Chambers

AGENDA ITEMS

- Tonight's agenda includes two items related to proposed changes to the Agency's ***delivered water charges***:
 1. Protest hearing
 2. Hearing on proposed ordinance

- And two items related to proposed changes to the Agency's ***groundwater augmentation charges***:
 1. Protest hearing
 2. Hearing on proposed ordinance

AGENDA ITEMS (CONT.)

- The purpose of the *protest hearing* is to determine whether a majority protest exists.
- The purpose of the hearing on the *proposed ordinance* is to consider the merits of and whether to adopt the revised charges.

PROTEST HEARING PROCEDURES

- The protest hearing for each charge will be conducted as follows:
 - Staff will present a summary of the service charge report and proposed rate structure.
 - Staff will announce the threshold at which a majority protest exists and the number of *unverified* protests the Agency has received so far.
 - Directors may ask questions of staff.
 - Chair Imazio will open the hearing for public testimony. Testimony will be limited to between 1 and 3 minutes per speaker, depending on the number of those wishing to speak.
 - Chair Imazio will announce a “last call” for written protests or withdrawal of protests and will close the public hearing.

PROTEST HEARING PROCEDURES (CONT.)

- If needed, the Board may call for a recess to allow staff an opportunity to determine the final count of written protests.
- If it is clear that the protests received is less than the majority threshold, staff will announce the number of ***unverified protests*** received and announce that there is no majority protest.
- If the tabulation of written protests is complicated by the number of protests received or the need to verify the protests, staff may request that the Board continue action on the matter to a later date to give staff an opportunity to tabulate the protests.

PROTEST HEARING PROCEDURES (CONT.)

- The only action requested of the Board at the conclusion of the protest hearings is to accept or reject staff's determination that there is or is not a majority protest.
- If the Board determines that there *is* a majority protest, it ***may not*** consider adoption of the proposed ordinance revising the charge.
- If the Board determines that there *is not* a majority protest, it ***may*** consider adoption of the proposed ordinance revising the charge.

ORDINANCE HEARINGS

- If there is not a majority protest, staff will introduce the proposed ordinance revising the charge.
- Directors may ask questions of staff.
- Chair Imazio will open the hearing to public testimony. Testimony will be limited to between 1 and 3 minutes per speaker, depending on the number of those wishing to speak.
- Chair Imazio will close the public hearing and invite discussion from the Board.
- The Board will take action on the proposed ordinance.