



**CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES**  
*"The Pass of the Oaks"*

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Tuesday, October 7, 2008 7:30 PM**

**MEETING LOCATION: PASO ROBLES LIBRARY/CITY HALL  
CONFERENCE CENTER, 1000 SPRING STREET**

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TO THE MEETING WITH A COPY TO THE CITY CLERK**

**7:30 PM – CONVENE REGULAR MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Downstairs Conference Center

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION**

**ROLL CALL** Councilmembers John Hamon Gary Nemeth, Duane Picanco, Fred Strong, and Frank Mecham

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Thomas Harris, regarding closure of N. River Road
- Patricia Zacarro, commending city staff
- Rex Thornhill, traffic concerns

**AGENDA ITEMS TO BE DEFERRED (IF ANY)** - None

**PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Retirement Recognition – Gene R. Bergman, Executive Director,  
Housing Authority of the City of Paso Robles**

Mayor Mecham presented a Certificate of Recognition to Gene Bergman who retired after a career of 30 years – years marked by dedicated service to the residents of Oak Park, which has in turn contributed greatly to the revitalization of the northwest portion of the City.

By General Consent, the Council considered Item No. 20 to accommodate members of the audience.

**20. Pioneer Day Committee – Funding Request**

J. App, City Manager

The City Council considered a funding request to support the Pioneer Day Parade and related activities. (Continued from September 16, 2007)

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public was Wayne Harris, Kathy Barnett, Bob Tullock, and Margaret Wicks. There were no further comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Nemeth, seconded by Councilmember Hamon, moved to moved to appropriate \$5,000 to support the Pioneer Day Parade and related activities.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Hamon, Nemeth and Mecham  
NOES: Picanco, Strong  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**2. Formation of the Paso Robles Tourism and Lodging Promotions Business Improvement District**

J. Troop, Administrative Services Director

The City Council considered the formation of a hotel owner initiated citywide tourism improvement district for the purposes of increasing investment in tourism marketing in Paso Robles.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public was Bill Roof, Kathy Barnett, Matt Masia, Kevin Lee, and Shawn Styler. There were no further comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Strong, seconded by Councilmember Picanco, moved to:

- a. Initiate formation proceedings by:
  - i. Adopting Resolution No. 08-145 establishing and adopting bylaws for the Paso Robles Tourism and Lodging Promotions Business Improvement District Advisory Committee;
  - ii. Appointing the hoteliers' recommendations to the Paso Robles Tourism and Lodging Promotions Business Improvement District Advisory Committee; and
  - iii. Adopting Resolution No. 08-146 declaring the intention to establish the Paso Robles Tourism and Lodging Promotions Business Improvement District, and setting a public hearing for December 2, 2008.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Hamon, Nemeth, Picanco, Strong, and Mecham  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

**3. City Hall Parking Lot Sulfur Spring Remediation Project  
Mitigated Negative Declaration**

M. Williamson, Assistant City Manager.

The City Council approved a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the City Hall Parking Lot Sulfur Spring Remediation Project. A revised resolution was presented to Council with minor clerical changes.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Hamon, seconded by Councilmember Picanco, moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-147, as revised, approving a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Hamon, Nemeth, Picanco, Strong, and Mecham

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**4. Nacimiento Water Treatment Plant and Main East Pipeline -  
Mitigated Negative Declaration**

R. Whisenand, Community Development Director

The City Council considered approval of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Paso Robles (Nacimiento) Water Treatment Plant and Main East Pipeline. A late comment from the San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District was distributed to Council (see October 7, 2008 letter attached).

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Nemeth, seconded by Councilmember Picanco, moved to close the public hearing, and continue the item to the November 18, 2008 Council meeting.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Hamon, Nemeth, Picanco, Strong, and Mecham

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Mayor Mecham called for public comments on Consent Calendar items. There were no comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

**5.** Approve City Council minutes of September 16, 2008, with correction on Page 7, to reflect that Councilmember Hamon was absent from the meeting and therefore absent from the vote.

**6.** Approve Warrant Register: Nos. 79743—79883 (09/12/08), 79884—80064 (09/19/08), 80065-80206 (09/26/08), and Other Payroll Services

**7.** Receive and file Advisory Body Committee minutes as follows:

Citizens' Airport Advisory Committee meeting of August 28, 2008  
Library Board of Trustees meeting of August 14, 2008  
Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee meeting of August 12, 2008  
Pioneer Museum 2007-2008 Annual Report

- 8.** Proclamation designating October 16, 2008 as "Lights on Afterschool! Day", in Paso Robles.
- 9.** Read, by title only, and adopt Ordinance No. 948 N.S. The ordinance proposes amendments to the Floodplain Management Ordinance mandated by FEMA as conditions for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. The recommended changes address compliance with latest FEMA standards and include revisions to definitions and processing requirements for flood zone determinations. The changes are statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act per Public Resources Code Section 21080. 1ST READING DATE September 16, 2008
- 10.** Adopt Resolution No. 08-148 designating Spring Street as part of Historic U.S. Highway Route 101, and authorize City staff to place up to four Caltrans approved historic signs along the corridor.
- 11.** Adopt Resolution No. 08-149 from the State Infrastructure Revolving Loan Fund Program, expressing interest in the program and assigning the Director of Public Works as the contact person for the City. The resolution would allow staff to open discussion with the State regarding possible low interest loans for future waste water infrastructure.
- 12.** Adopt Resolution No. 08-150 approving a lease amendment and lot merger of Airport Parcels 49 & 50, PRAL 80-53, located at 4280 Second Wind Way (Treana Winery, LLC)

Consent Calendar Items Nos. 5-12 were approved on a single motion by Councilmember Picanco, seconded by Councilmember Nemeth, with Mayor Mecham abstaining on Warrant Register Items Nos. 079873, 080017 and 080191.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Hamon, Nemeth, Picanco, Strong, and Mecham  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

## **DISCUSSION**

### **13. Community Water Rates – Financial Background**

D. Monn, Director of Public Works

The City Council reviewed the proposed "pay-as-you-go" water rate schedule and set dates for public workshops on the topic. The City's consultant Roger Null, with Kennedy/Jencks, presented the report.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public was Tom Hardwick, John Borst, Karen Reed, Tom Rusch, Kathy Barnett, Roger Blank, and Dale Gustin. There were no further comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Nemeth, seconded by Councilmember Picanco, moved to:

1. Set October 15, 2008 at 6:00 PM and October 16, 2008 at 11:00 AM as dates for public workshops; and
2. Adjourn this meeting to the October 15 and 16 workshops for Council attendance; and

3. Direct staff to return to City council on October 21, 2008 with formal introduction of the "pay-as-you-go" rate structure.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Hamon, Nemeth, Picanco, Strong, and Mecham  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

**14. Spring Street, Flamson Middle School –  
Modification of Standard Street Improvements**

D. Monn, Director of Public Works

The City Council authorized the design for the reconstruction of Spring Street improvements, adjacent to Flamson Middle School. City Engineer, John Falkenstien, presented the staff report.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Hamon, seconded by Councilmember Nemeth, moved to authorize staff to design new curbs on Spring Street adjacent to Flamson Middle School to match the existing alignment.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Hamon, Nemeth, Picanco, Strong, and Mecham  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

**15. 2007-2008 Annual Storm Water Report – Public Review Period**

D. Monn, Public Works Director

The City Council opened the Annual Storm Water Report for public review and comment for thirty days as required by the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Industrial Waste Discharge Manager, Patti Gwathmey, presented the staff report.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public was Matt Masia. There were no further comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Nemeth, seconded by Councilmember Picanco, moved to accept the Annual Storm Water Report for review by the public with a thirty day public review and comment period, beginning October 7, 2008 and ending November 6, 2008.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Hamon, Nemeth, Picanco, Strong, and Mecham  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

**16. OTR 08-008: Oak Tree Removal In Relation to Frontage Improvements and Widening of Golden Hill Road (Applicant: Regency Centers)**

R. Whisenand, Community Development Director

The City Council to consider a request to remove two mature Valley Oak Trees located in the Golden Hill right-of-way.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public was Kathy Barnett. There were no further comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Hamon, seconded by Councilmember Nemeth, moved to adopt a revised Resolution No. 08-151, approving OTR 08-008, allowing the removal of two Valley Oak Trees, and requiring that eleven 2-inch diameter replacement trees be planted. The revised resolution reflected wording changes to Item 2 within the Resolution, removing the alternative of a \$200.00 donation to the City's Oak Tree replacement fund.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Hamon, Nemeth, Picanco, Strong, and Mecham

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**17. Waste Water Treatment Plant – NPDES Violations**

D. Monn, Public Works Director

The City Council authorized the issuance of an Acceptance of Conditional Resolution and Waiver of Right to Hearing Form with the State Water Resources Control Board concerning alleged violations of the discharge limits allowed under the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Strong, seconded by Councilmember Picanco, moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-152 authorizing an "Acceptance of Conditional Resolution and Waiver of Right to Hearing Form" be sent to the RWQCB by October 19, 2008; and appropriate \$39,000 to render payment of the Final Notice of Violation.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Hamon, Nemeth, Picanco, Strong, and Mecham

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**18. City Waste Water Salt Discharge Analysis**

D. Monn, Public Works Director

The City Council considered appropriating funds and authorizing a contract for a salt discharge analysis to demonstrate that higher limits on sodium, chloride and TDS will not impact beneficial downstream uses of the Salinas River.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public were Kathy Barnett, Matt Masia. There were no further comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Nemeth, seconded by Councilmember Strong, moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-153 authorizing the contract with Fugro-West Engineering in the amount of \$53,000 to provide an environmental science study of salt discharge from the City Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Hamon, Nemeth, Picanco, Strong, and Mecham

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**19. Groundwater Basin Management Plan (AB 3030)**

D. Monn, Director of Public Works

The City Council authorized an advance of \$208,000 from the Water Fund for the preparation of a Paso Robles Basin Groundwater Basin Management Plan. The City will be reimbursed from the AB 3030 Local Groundwater Assistance Grant on a quarterly basis. Water Manager, Christopher Alakel, presented the staff report.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Picanco, seconded by Councilmember Strong, moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-154 authorizing the advance of \$208,000 in connection with the preparation of a Groundwater Basis Management Plan.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Hamon, Nemeth, Picanco, Strong, and Mecham

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**20. Pioneer Day Committee – Funding Request**

(Pulled for earlier discussion, before Presentations).

**ADVISORY BODY COMMUNICATION**

**21. Citizens Airport Advisory Committee – Schedule Date to Conduct Interviews to Fill Vacancies**

M. Williamson, Assistant City Manager

By General Consent the Council set Thursday, October 23, 2008 at 7:00 PM to conduct interviews and making appointments for vacancies on the Citizen’s Airport Advisory Committee.

**AD HOC COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION**

**22. Ad Hoc Committee Formation – HBA Water Connection Fees**

D. Monn, Director of Public Works

By General Consent, Council appointed Mayor Pro Tem Nemeth and Councilmember Picanco to the ad hoc committee.

**CORRESPONDENCE - None**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS (Including oral reports on conferences attended)**

Councilmember Strong reported on his attendance at the League of California Cities 2008 Annual Meeting (copy attached).

**ADJOURNMENT at 11:05 PM.**

- PASO ROBLES PIONEER DAY PARADE, AT 10:00 am, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2008, AT THE CITY PARK, PASO ROBLES
- WATER RATE CHARRETTE, AT 6:00 PM, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2008, AT THE LIBRARY/CITY HALL CONFERENCE CENTER, 1000 SPRING STREET, PASO ROBLES
- WATER RATE CHARRETTE, AT 11:00 AM, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2008, AT THE LIBRARY/CITY HALL CONFERENCE CENTER, 1000 SPRING STREET, PASO ROBLES
- THE JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION/CITY COUNCIL BREAKFAST MEETING AT 7:00 AM, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2008 AT THE TOUCH OF PASO RESTURANT, PASO ROBLES
- DEMONSTRATION BY CAL POLY FACULTY OF 3-D MODELLING TECHNIQUES, AT 3:00 pm, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2008 AT THE LIBRARY/CITY HALL CONFERENCE CENTER, 1000 SPRING STREET, PASO ROBLES.
- THE REGULAR MEETING AT 7:30 PM ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2008, AT THE LIBRARY/CITY HALL CONFERENCE CENTER, 1000 SPRING STREET, PASO ROBLES

Submitted:

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Deborah D. Robinson, Deputy City Clerk  
Approved:

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PART OF THE RECORDS UNTIL APPROVED BY THE CITY  
COUNCIL AT A FUTURE REGULAR MEETING.**



To: City Council

From: Ed Gallagher, City Planner

Subject: Paso Robles (Nacimiento) Water Treatment Plant and Main East Pipeline – Mitigated Negative Declaration (Item #4 on October 7 Council Agenda)

Date: October 6, 2008

1. Letter from State Water Resources Control Board

On September 29, the City receive the attached letter, dated September 24, from the Division of Financial Assistance of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), commenting on the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Paso Robles (Nacimiento) Water Treatment Plant and Main East Pipeline.

The letter is largely focused on conditions necessary to maintain the City's eligibility for Clean Water State Revolving Funds (CWSRF). However, it should be noted that CWSR Funds are limited to wastewater treatment plants, and are not applicable to water treatment plants. Comment #2 on Page 4 of the letter is not applicable as the project does not include any wastewater pump stations. It is believed that the SWRCB is confusing the water treatment plant project with the wastewater treatment plant upgrade project, which is also presently in the design and environmental review processes.

Although the project is a water treatment plant and water transmission main, not a wastewater (sewage) treatment plant, the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration addresses the same environmental impacts discussed in the attached letter, i.e. air quality, migratory birds, wetlands, listed biological species, cultural resources, floodplains, and farmland protection in a manner consistent with State and Federal regulations. The Salinas River is not designated as a "Wild and Scenic River".

Conclusion

The SWRCB's letter does not reveal any new impacts or need for additional environmental study beyond that which is already in the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration.

2. Revisions to Resolution Adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration

The City Attorney has recommended that the resolution adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration be revised to insert a new Section 2 (and renumber the original Sections 2 and 3 to 3 and 4, respectively) that will read as follows.

SECTION 2. The mitigation measures and monitoring program identified in Exhibits A and B are hereby approved and adopted. The mitigation and monitoring measures shall be incorporated into the Project contract documents. City staff shall monitor compliance with the mitigation measures and may utilize environmental consultants to assist in monitoring Project construction to ensure compliance.

Attached is a revised resolution that incorporates the new Section 2.

Item No. 4.

October 7, 2008

Ed Gallagher  
City of Paso Robles  
1000 Spring Street  
Paso Robles CA 93446

Paso Robles  
OCT 7 2008  
Planning Division

SUBJECT: APCD Comments Regarding the Paso Robles Water Treatment Plant & Pipeline Project's Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (0802-0631)

Dear Mr. Gallagher,

Thank you for including the San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) in the environmental review process. We have completed our review of the proposed Paso Robles City project that would construct a plant to treat water from the Nacimiento Water Project, store treated water, and convey treated water to the east side of the city. The water plant would be located at the city's Thunderbird Wells east of Ramada Drive and Union Pacific Railroad. *The following are APCD comments that are pertinent to this project.*

#### GENERAL COMMENTS

As a commenting agency in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review process for a project, the APCD assesses air pollution impacts from both the construction and operational phases of a project, with separate significant thresholds for each. **Please address the action items contained in this letter that are highlighted by bold and underlined text.**

#### CONSTRUCTION PHASE MITIGATION

##### General

The construction phase air quality emission estimates provided in the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration demonstrated that the project would result in significant exceedances of the 185 lbs/day and 2.5 tons/quarter thresholds for nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions and mitigation is therefore necessary. The reactive organic gases (ROG) and particulate matter (PM) emission estimates indicate that the project will be below the above listed thresholds for these pollutants.

The construction phase NOx mitigation identified in Mitigation Measure AQ-1(a) needs some refining described below. ROG mitigation is not necessary; however AQ-1(a) will help to reduce ROG. Fugitive PM emissions and mitigation is discussed further below.

**The following construction phase air quality mitigation measures are needed for this project:**

##### Hydrocarbon Contaminated Soil

**Should hydrocarbon contaminated soil be known of onsite or encountered during construction activities, the APCD must be notified immediately once affected material is discovered to determine if an APCD Permit will be required. In addition, the following measures shall be implemented immediately after contaminated soil is discovered:**Covers

on storage piles shall be maintained in place at all times in areas not actively involved in soil addition or removal;

- Contaminated soil shall be covered with at least six inches of packed uncontaminated soil or other TPH –non-permeable barrier such as plastic tarp. No headspace shall be allowed where vapors could accumulate;
- Covered piles shall be designed in such a way to eliminate erosion due to wind or water. No openings in the covers are permitted;
- During soil excavation, odors shall not be evident to such a degree as to cause a public nuisance; and,
- Clean soil must be segregated from contaminated soil.

**The notification and permitting determination requirements shall be directed to the APCD Enforcement Division at 781-5912.**

#### Naturally Occurring Asbestos

The project site is located in a candidate area for Naturally Occurring Asbestos (NOA), which has been identified as a toxic air contaminant by the California Air Resources Board (ARB). Under the ARB Air Toxics Control Measure (ATCM) for Construction, Grading, Quarrying, and Surface Mining Operations, **prior to any grading activities at the site, the project proponent shall ensure that a geologic evaluation is conducted to determine if NOA is present within the area that will be disturbed. If NOA is not present, an exemption request must be filed with the District (see Attachment 1). If NOA is found at the site the applicant must comply with all requirements outlined in the Asbestos ATCM.** This may include development of an Asbestos Dust Mitigation Plan and an Asbestos Health and Safety Program for approval by the APCD. Please refer to the APCD web page at <http://www.slocleanair.org/business/asbestos.asp> for more information or contact the APCD Enforcement Division at 781-5912.

#### Developmental Burning

Effective February 25, 2000, **the APCD prohibited developmental burning of vegetative material within San Luis Obispo County.** Under certain circumstances where no technically feasible alternatives are available, limited developmental burning under restrictions may be allowed. This requires prior application, payment of fee based on the size of the project, APCD approval, and issuance of a burn permit by the APCD and the local fire department authority. The applicant is required to furnish the APCD with the study of technical feasibility (which includes costs and other constraints) at the time of application. If you have any questions regarding these requirements, contact the APCD Enforcement Division at 781-5912.

#### Dust Control Measures

Construction activities can generate fugitive dust, which could be a nuisance to local residents and businesses in close proximity to the proposed construction site. Dust complaints could result in a violation of the APCD's 402 "Nuisance" Rule. Without a good understanding of how the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration's particulate matter emission estimates were made, APCD is concerned that the PM emission estimates may be underestimated. That said, the MND's proposed list of PM mitigation measures may adequately address fugitive dust emissions if they are implemented effectively. **The project should be conditioned to implement the measures identified or others as needed to ensure that the construction phased fugitive dust**

**emissions do not exceed 20% opacity and do not travel off-site. In addition, the name and telephone number of a designated person or persons to monitor the dust control program shall be provided to the APCD prior to land use clearance for map recordation and finished grading of the area.**

Standard NOx Control Measures for Construction Equipment

The standard construction equipment mitigation measures for reducing nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions are listed below and in section 6.3.1 of the Air Quality Handbook. **These measures are applicable to all projects where construction equipment will be used:**

- Maintain all construction equipment in proper tune according to manufacturer's specifications.
- Fuel all off-road and portable diesel powered equipment with ARB certified motor vehicle diesel fuel (non-taxed version suitable for use off-road).
- Maximize, to the extent feasible, the use of diesel construction equipment meeting ARB's Tier III equipment.
- Maximize to the extent feasible, the use of on-road heavy-duty equipment and trucks that meet the ARB's Tier III certification standard for on-road heavy-duty diesel engines.
- All on and off-road diesel equipment shall not be allowed to idle for more than 3 minutes. Signs shall be posted in the designated queuing areas and or job sites to remind drivers and operators of the 3 minute idling limit.
- Queuing of haul trucks should be in location to minimize impact to park visitors or neighboring residents.
- Electrification of dredging and pumping equipment unless proven infeasible.

AQ-1(a) Equipment Emission Control Measures

**This measure should remove the reference to Rule 402 and should reference to the CEQA Air Quality Handbook. In addition, the threshold identified in this measure is incorrect. The correct thresholds are 185 lbs/day and 2.5 tons/quarter per pollutant. The measures identify that prior to construction the contractor will need to work with the APCD to determine develop a dust and emission reduction plan. This work should at a minimum begin 3 months prior to work beginning and will need to include an evaluation of the actual construction equipment impacts and the appropriate mitigation that could go beyond the items listed in the proposed MND.**

Sensitive Receptors

**Some of the pipeline and water treatment plant work could result in toxic diesel impacts to sensitive receptors. This evaluation and potential mitigation will need to be adequately addressed in the emission reduction plan.**

Construction Permit Requirements

Based on the information provided, we are unsure of the types of equipment that may be present during the project's construction phase. Portable equipment, 50 horsepower (hp) or greater, used during construction activities will require California statewide portable equipment registration (issued by the California Air Resources Board) or an APCD permit. The following list is provided as a guide to equipment and operations that may have permitting requirements, but

should not be viewed as exclusive. For a more detailed listing, refer to page A-5 in the District's CEQA Handbook.

- Power screens, conveyors, diesel engines, and/or crushers;
- Portable generators and equipment with engines that are 50 hp or greater;
- IC engines;
- Unconfined abrasive blasting operations; and
- Concrete batch plants.

**To minimize potential delays, prior to the start of the project, please contact the APCD Engineering Division at (805) 781-5912 for specific information regarding permitting requirements.**

### **OPERATIONAL PHASE MITIGATION**

#### **Air Quality Impact Analysis and Mitigation**

The proposed MND does not evaluate the impacts from the operational phase of this project (water plant, pump station, and pipeline). The City will need to provide the air quality evaluation to the APCD and compare the total operational emissions against the operation thresholds. Evaluation should include the waste water plant, pump station and vehicle emissions (both employees and truck trips). If the project will exceed the APCD's operational phase thresholds, mitigation measures will need to be identified and implemented to bring it below the threshold of significance. In addition, if sensitive receptors (residences, schools, hospital, etc.) would be in close proximity to diesel equipment associated with the operational phase that equipment may need to be electric instead of diesel.

In addition to ozone precursors and particulate matter, greenhouse gas emissions also need to be evaluated. Assembly Bill 32, the California Global Warming Solution Act of 2006 and California Governor Schwarzenegger Executive Order S-3-05 (June 1, 2005), both require reductions of greenhouse gases in the State of California. The Governor has recognized, "mitigation efforts will be necessary to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adaptation efforts will be necessary to prepare Californian for the consequences of global warming". **In order to address this issue, District staff recommends that greenhouse gas emissions be evaluated for this project along with appropriate mitigation.**

#### **Operational Permit Requirements**

Based on the information provided, we are unsure of the types of equipment that may be present at the site. Operational sources may require APCD permits. The following list is provided as a guide to equipment and operations that may have permitting requirements, but should not be viewed as exclusive. For a more detailed listing, refer to page A-5 in the District's CEQA Handbook.

- Portable generators and equipment with engines that are 50 hp or greater;
- Electrical generation plants or the use of standby generator;
- Pipelines;
- Public utility facilities;

- Boilers; and
- IC Engines.

**To minimize potential delays, prior to the start of the project, please contact the APCD Engineering Division at (805) 781-5912 for specific information regarding permitting requirements.**

Greenhouse Gas Impacts and Mitigation

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me at 781-5912.

Sincerely,

Andy Mutziger  
Air Quality Specialist

AJM/sll

cc:

Mr. Ed Gallagher, Housing Programs Manager  
Karen Brooks, Enforcement Division, APCD  
Tim Fuhs, Enforcement Division, APCD  
Gary Willey, Engineering Division, APCD  
Andy Mutziger, Planning Division, APCD

Attachments:

1. Naturally Occurring Asbestos – Construction & Grading Project Exemption Request Form, Construction & Grading Project Form

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# City of El Paso de Robles Revised Water Rate Proposal

October 7, 2008

Jim App, City Manager  
Doug Monn, Public Works Director  
Roger Null, Kennedy Jenks Consultants



# Tonight's Agenda

- Background
- Recap September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting
- Discuss financial details
  - Revenues and expenses
- Program summary
- Questions



# Goals

- Improve water quality
- Diversify sources and increase reliability
- Reduce groundwater dependence and salt loading
- Water rights and regulatory issues
- Prioritize expenditures



# Overview of September 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting

- Introduction of Nacimientto fee
- Variable rate structure
- Desire to conduct rate study – implement Integrated Water Plan
- July 1<sup>st</sup> proposal

*Overall conclusion – just too much all at once*

## July 1<sup>st</sup> proposal

- 4,000 AFY Nacimiento
- Full 6 MGD treatment plant (bond financed)
- 10-year capital plan
- +4,000 AFY supply

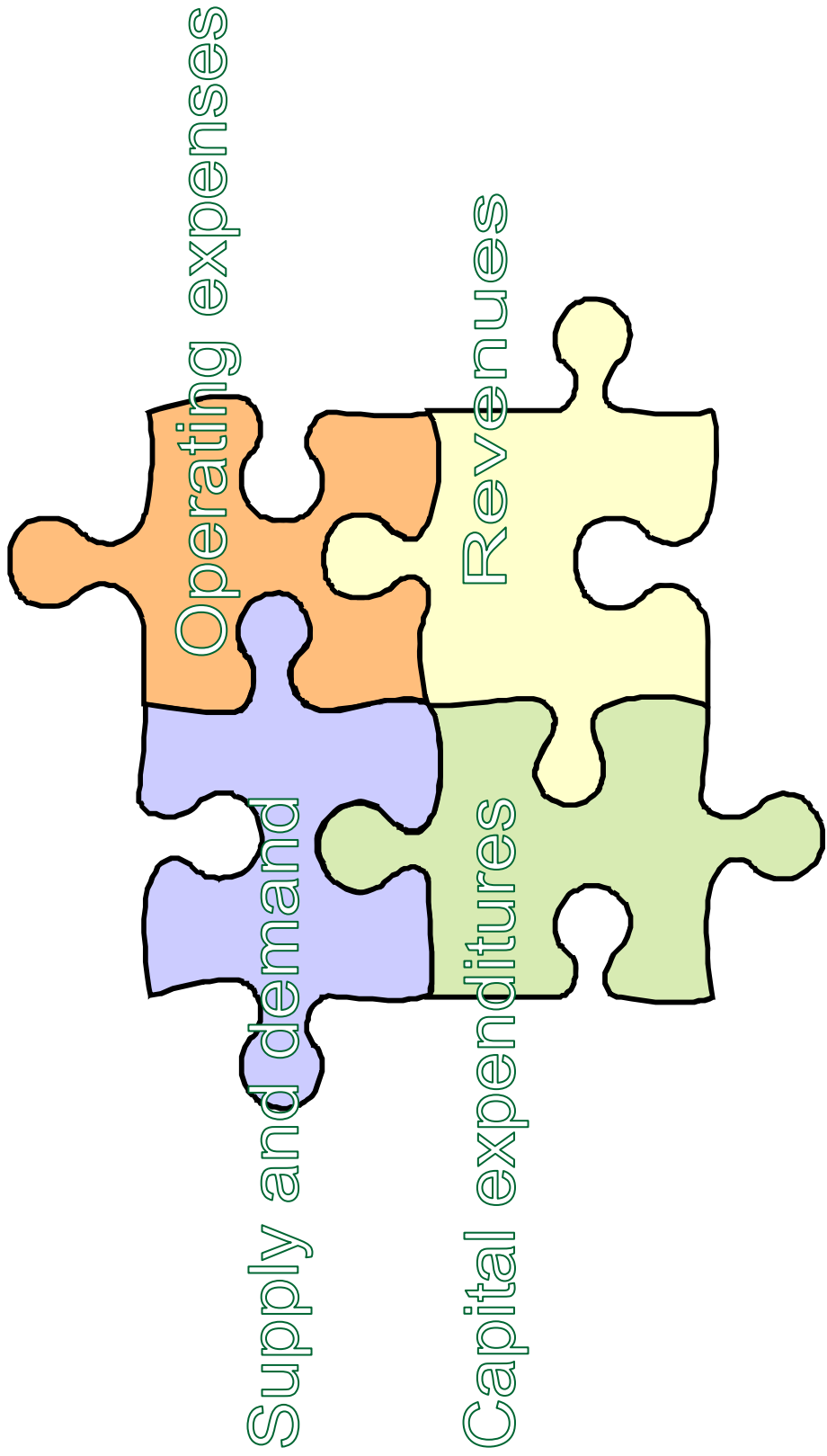
## Pay-as-you-go

- 4,000 AFY Nacimiento
- Phased, 2 MGD treatment plant (pay-as-you-go)
- 17-year capital plan
- +2,000 AFY supply (conservation)

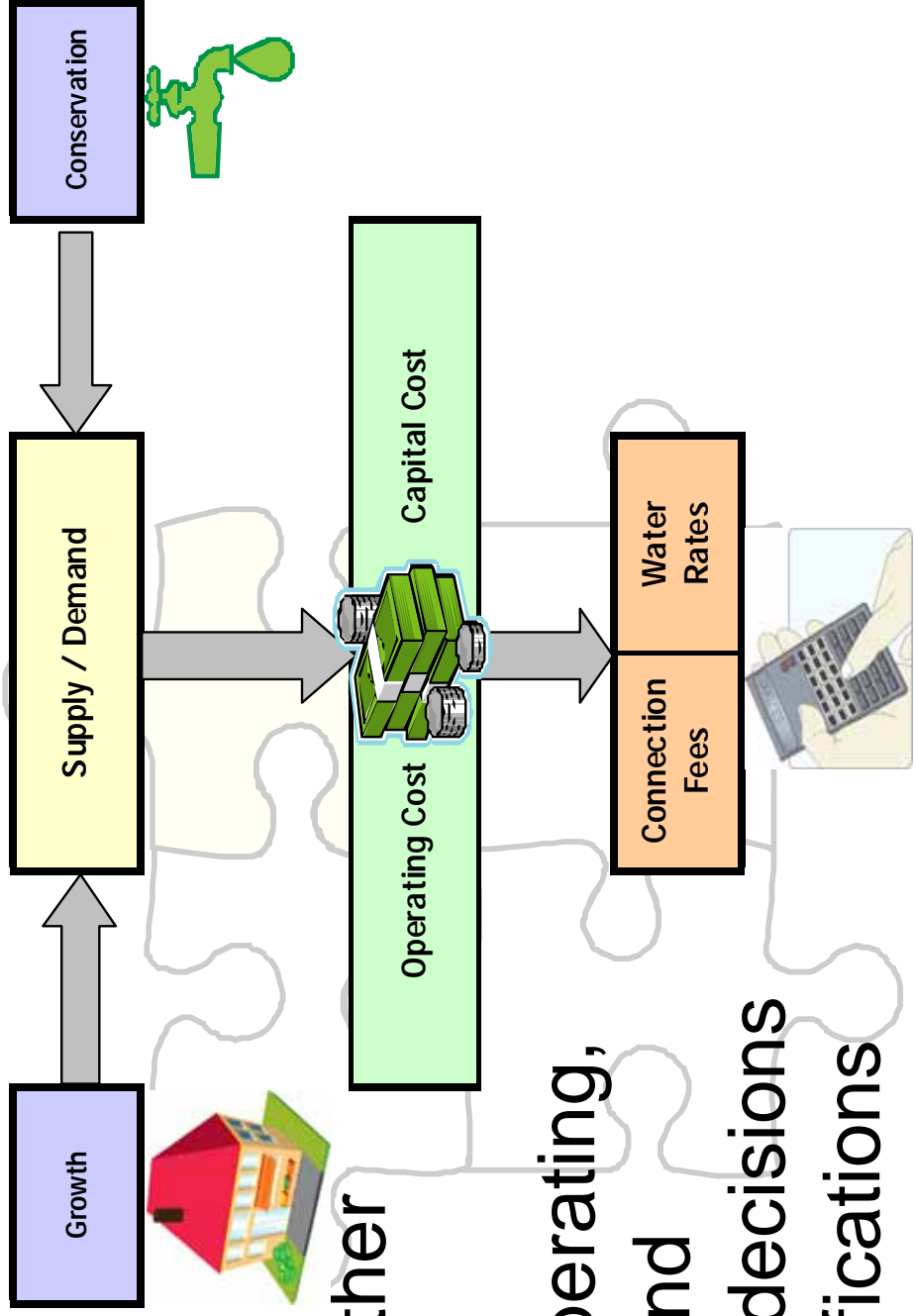
# Components of the City Water Fund

- Similar to any other business
- City incurs costs to manage, operate, and maintain the system
- Revenues need to keep pace with preventive maintenance needs
- Costs will continue to change with the implementation of the City's Integrated Water Resources Plan

# Components of the Financial Plan



# Supply and Demand An Interrelated Cornerstone



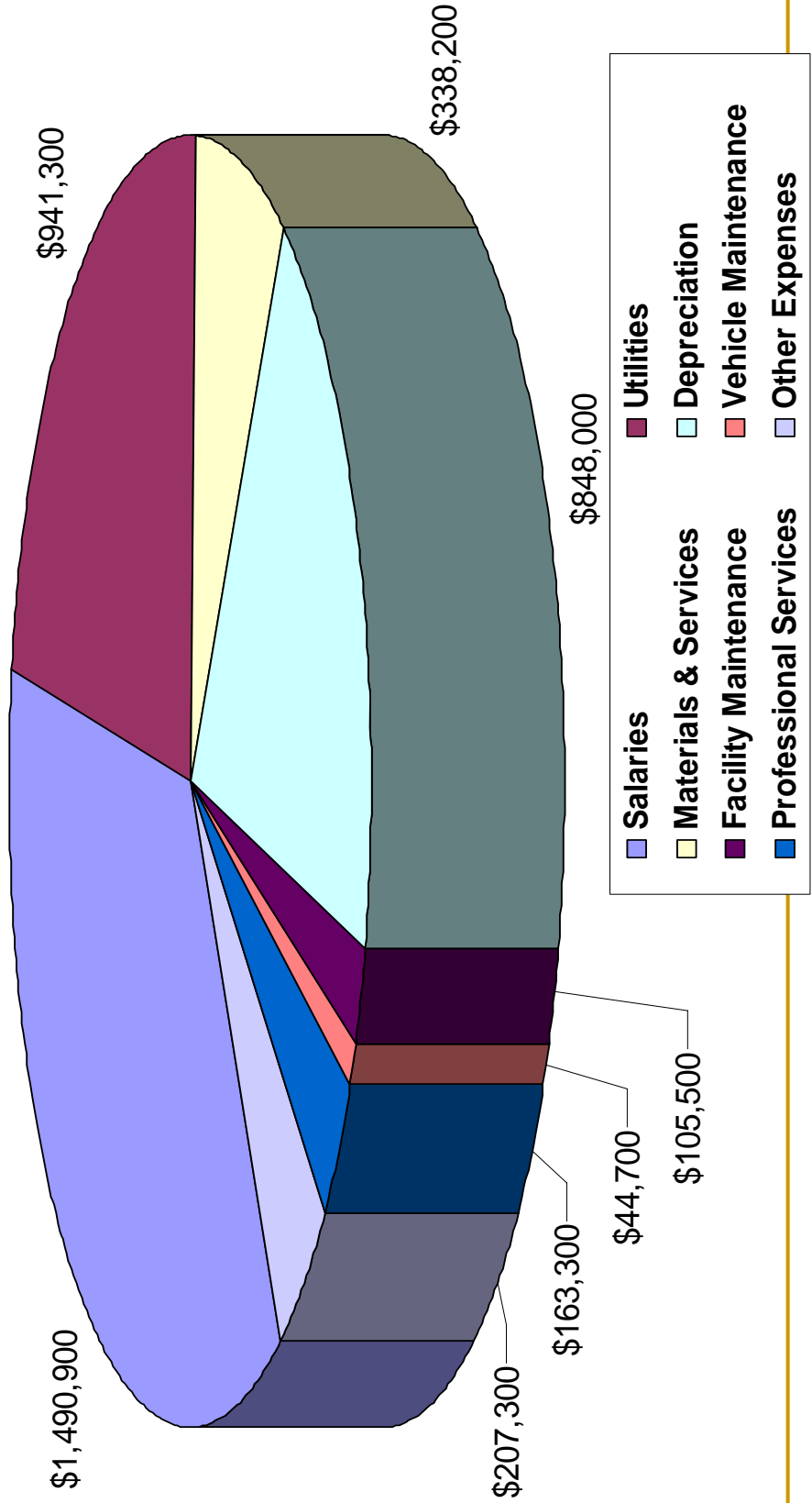
- Affects other factors
- Drives operating, capital, and financial decisions and ramifications

# Water System Operating Expenses

- Current costs include labor, power, chemical, etc...
- Future costs will increase by:
  - Inflationary adjustments to all costs
  - Water treatment plant O&M
  - Additional Staffing (PM, WTP)
  - Regional Nacimiento O&M Cost Share & Debt
- Operating Expense Illustrations

# Water System Operating Expenses - Current

Current Operating Costs  
\$4.1 Million



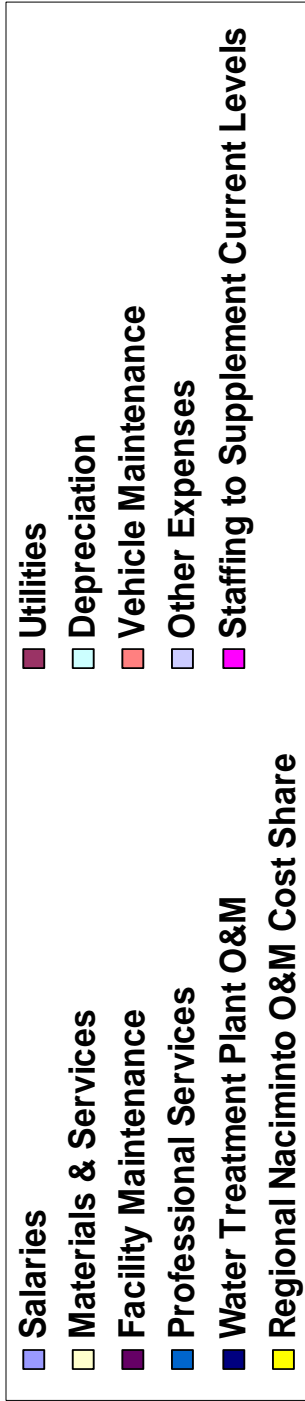
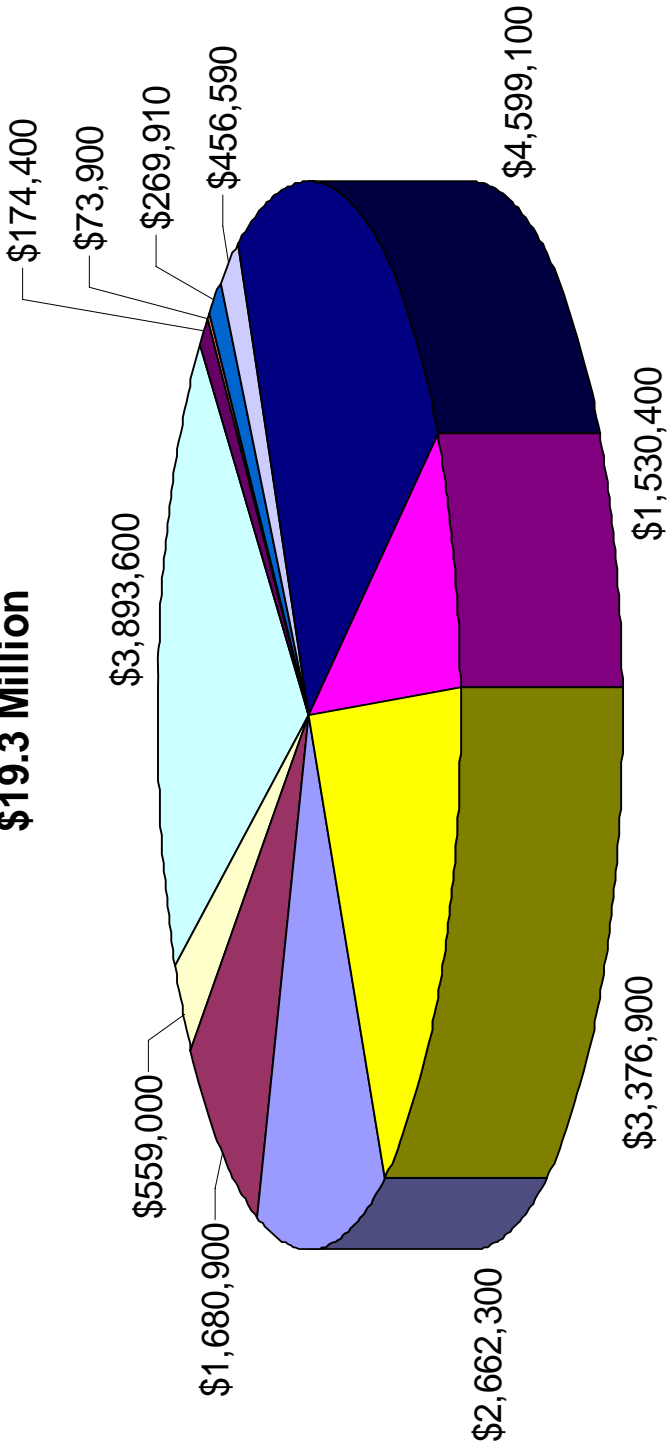
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# Water System Operating Expenses - Future

Projected Operating Costs (FY 2025-26)

\$19.3 Million

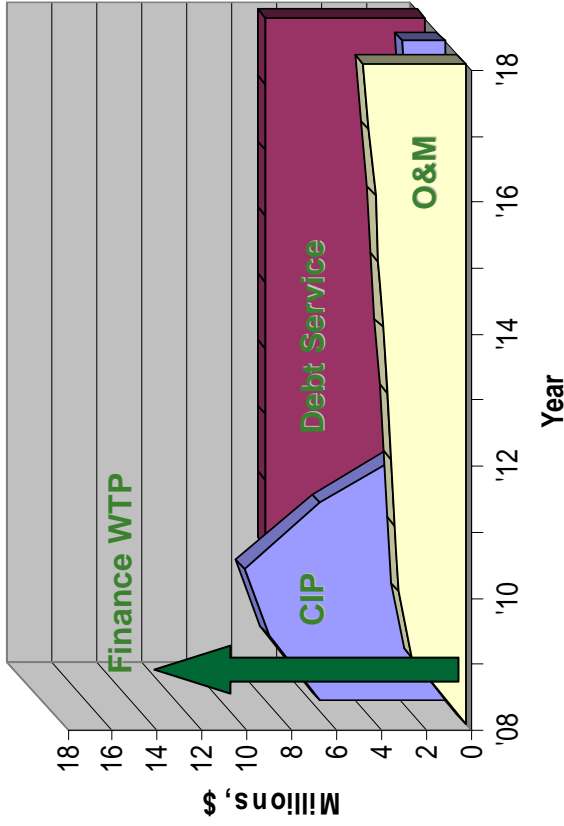


Other Expenses: include legal costs, special projects, & other miscellaneous

# Capital Expenditures

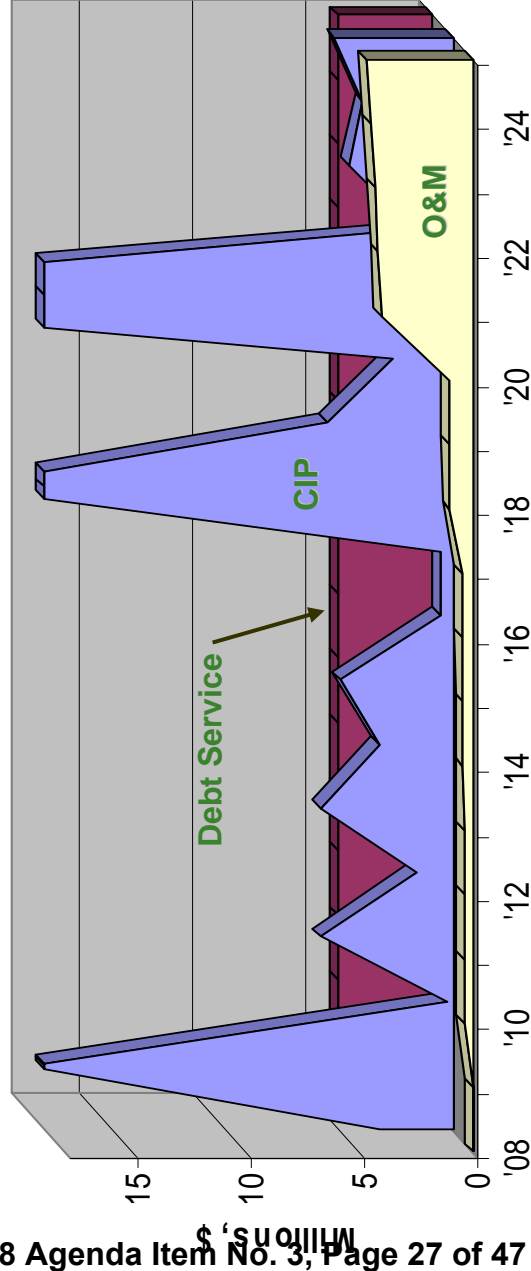
- Significant planning has occurred
- Needs are well-defined
- Capital reinvestment must continue
- Rate impact dictates pace
- Phased approach hits all the marks

### Basis for July 1st Proposal



# Water System Capital Improvements

### Basis for Pay-as-you-go Water Rate



# Water System Capital Improvements

- Phasing plant allows pay-as-you-go; saving millions of dollars
- Spreading out capital projects lessens early financial crunch
- Time enables us to affirm needs for future water supply investments

# Revenue Component

- Essentially Only Two Revenue Sources
  - Revenues from Water Rates
  - Revenues from Connection Fees
- What goes into making rate decisions?
- How are these calculated?

# Water Rates

## Typical Ratemaking Goals/Objectives

- Recover fixed costs
- Support for water conservation
- Meet specific debt requirements
- Generate adequate revenues



# Water Rates

## Fixed and Variable Components

- **Fixed Rates – Monthly Service Charge**
  - ❑ Only source of fixed revenue
  - ❑ ~70% of costs are fixed
  - ❑ Financial stability
- **Usage Rates – Consumption Based**
  - ❑ Ties customer usage with costs
  - ❑ Consistent with pay-for-use philosophy
  - ❑ Supports water conservation goals

# Water Connection Fees (Capacity Charges)

- Designed for growth to pay its fair share
- Primary Cost Elements
  - 50% of Nacimiento Entitlement & Treatment Plant
  - 100% of Future Supply
  - Proportional share of new capital improvements
  - Proportional share of the value of the existing but unused capacity

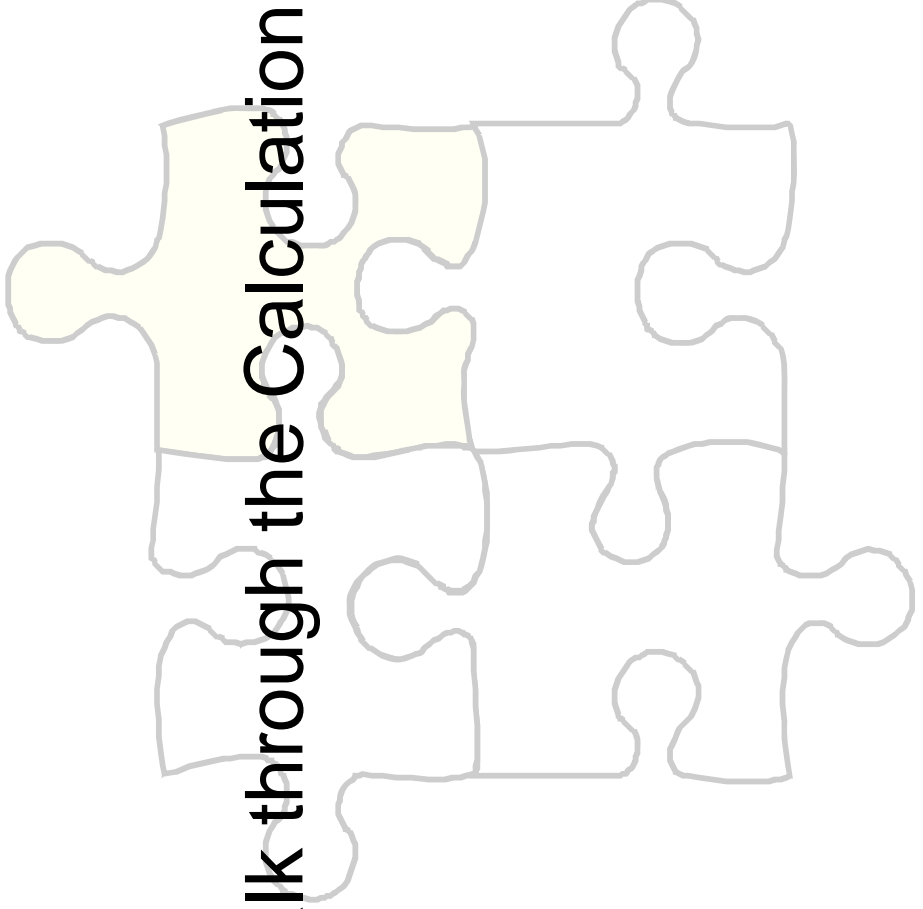


# Rate Structure Comparison

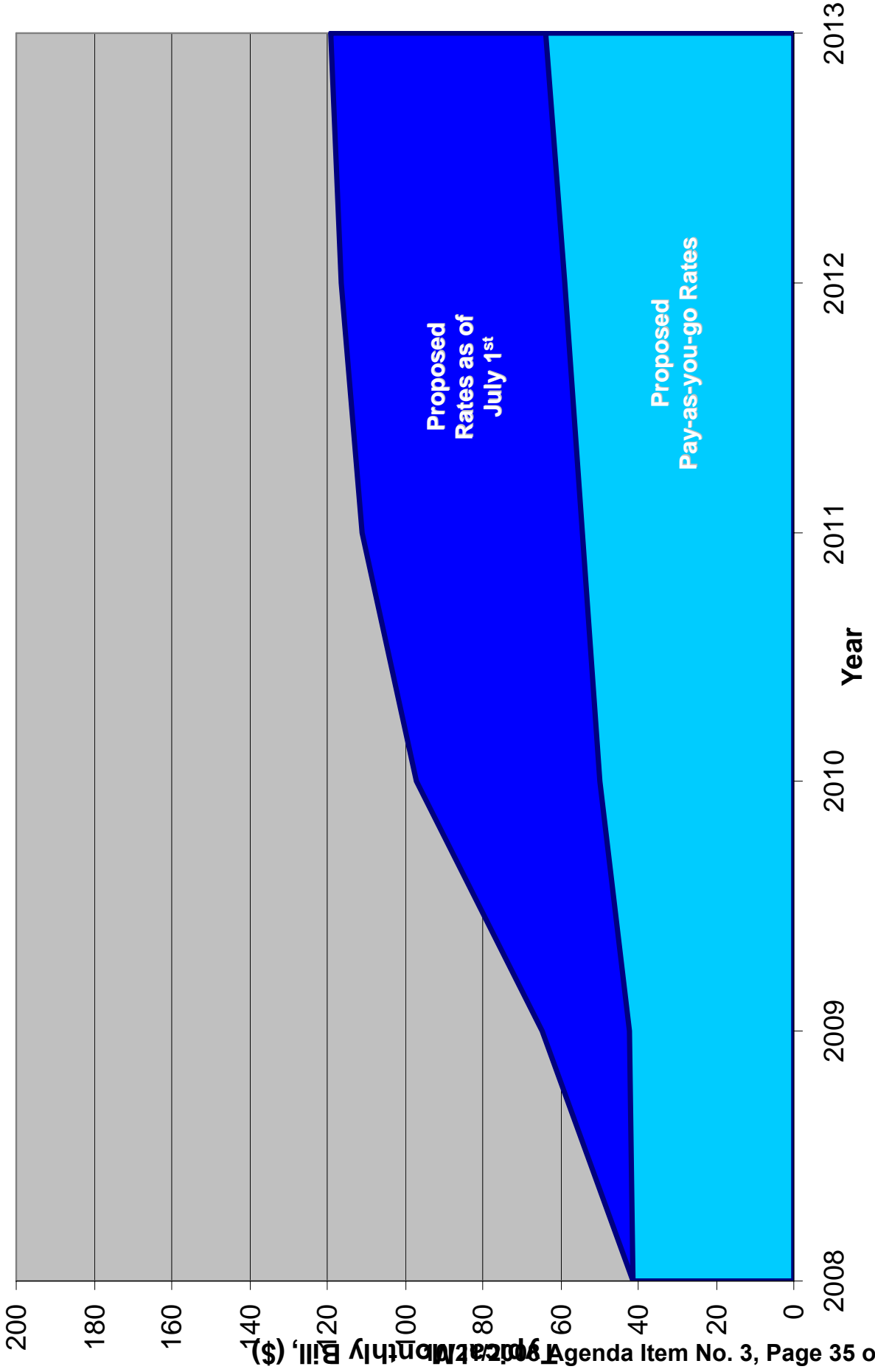
Meter Size (inches)	Current Rate	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
<b>July 1<sup>st</sup> Proposal – Monthly Fixed Rate</b>						
5/8" & 3/4"	\$18	\$18.00	\$19.98	\$22.48	\$24.95	\$24.95
Escalates with larger meters						
<b>Pay-as-you-go Proposal – Monthly Fixed Rates</b>						
5/8" & 3/4"	\$18	\$18	\$18	\$18	\$18	\$18
Rate applies to all meter sizes						
<b>July 1<sup>st</sup> Proposed Consumption Charge (\$/HCF)</b>						
Usage Rate	\$1.28	\$2.56	\$4.22	\$4.86	\$5.00	\$5.15
<b>Pay-as-you-go Proposed Consumption Charge (\$/HCF)</b>						
Usage Rate	\$1.32	\$1.36	\$1.75	\$2.00	\$2.25	\$2.50
Lifeline Rate for Households Provided						

# Components of the Financial Plan

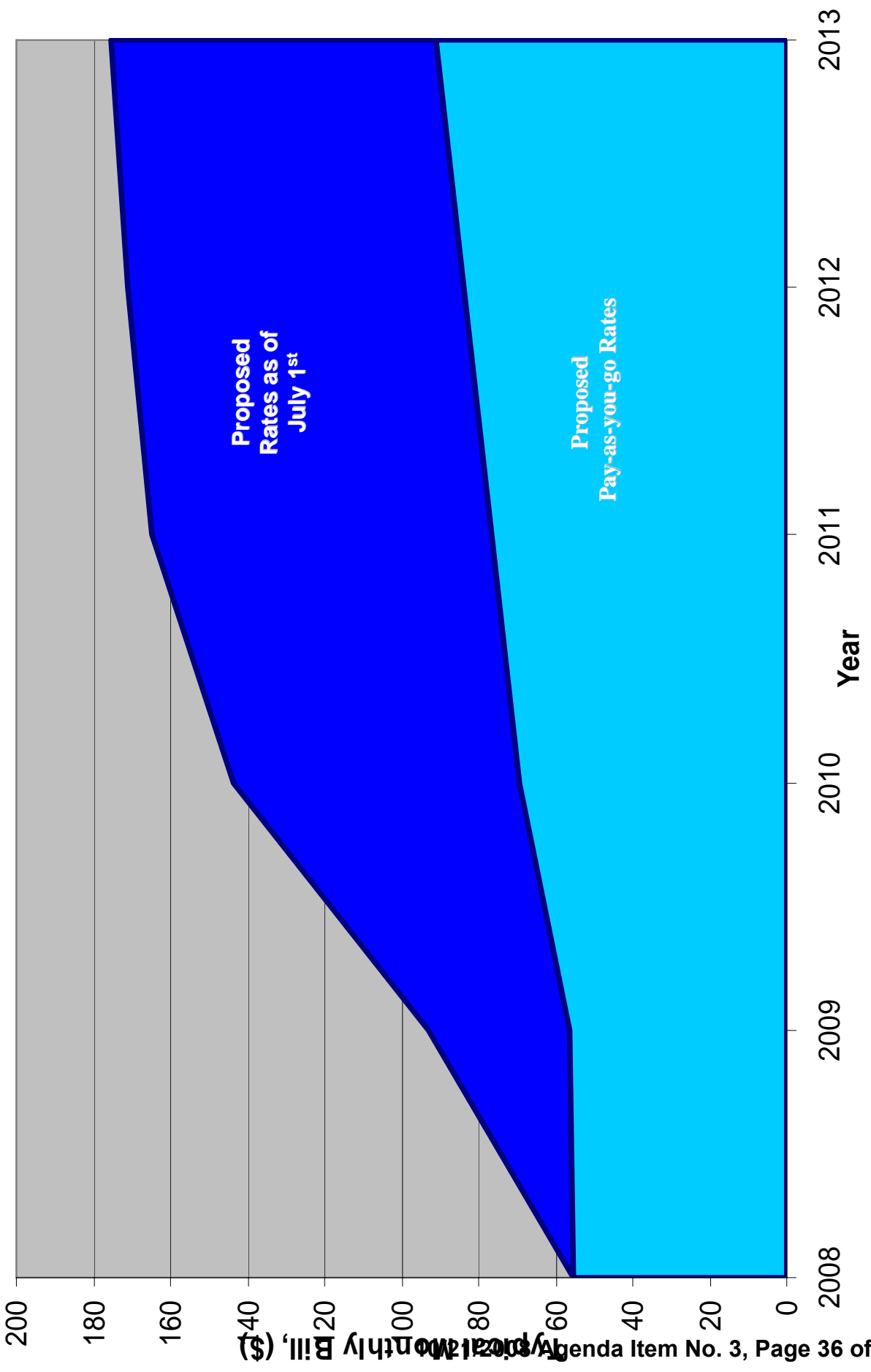
- Let's Walk through the Calculation



# Water Rate Comparison Typical Bill for 19 HCF Usage



# Water Rate Comparison Typical Bill for 30 HCF Usage



# Autumn Schedule

- Oct 7<sup>th</sup> – detailed rate proposal
- Public workshops ~Oct 15/16<sup>th</sup>
- Later for formal introduction / 218 process



# Conclusion

- Water improvements needed
- Phasing plant and slower capital program are proposed
- Financial plan projects revenue adequacy
- Results in more modest rate increases

# Karen Reed Comments #13 Public Comment:

1) Will Phase 2 & Phase 3 Water Treatment Plant only be done when Capacity Charges have brought in sufficient income to pay for them? (Table 4, page 23 of 46 of 10/7/8 agenda item #13)

2) Can you explain the overall cash flow plan? What funds will be used to pay for Phase I of the Water Treatment Plan? What funds are being used to pay for the other \$1Mil+ expenses for this year on the Capital Improvement Program Budget? Etc.

3) Can you explain the scope of the work done by the Water Rate Study consultants that was covered by the initial \$89,600.00 contract? (Approx. Jan. 15, 2008, per 10/7/8 Agenda #13, page 14 of 46)

What was the scope of work covered for the additional \$48,000 approved at the Sept 16<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting and what is the scope of the work we are contracting for these consultants to perform from that point on?

4) Please correct me if I am wrong, but I think I understand that the \$5.9 Mil Remote Read Meter System is not related to the Pipeline or Treatment of water from Lake Nacimiento. I understand it will cut our present costs, but it looks like it takes 20 years to cover its costs. With advances in technology, I doubt that we will be using this system in 20 years. I don't know how citizens would feel about paying for this if it were presented separately. This seems like a VERY EXPENSIVE item. What other items in the Capital Improvement chart are not necessary for the Pipeline or Treatment of Nacimiento water?

# PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM STATISTICS

Calendar Year 2007

## 1. General Information

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County: **San Luis Obispo**

Population served: **29500**

Names of communities served: City of Paso Robles

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## 2. Active Service Connections

Customer Class	Potable Water		Recycled Water	
	Metered	Unmetered	Metered	Unmetered
Single Family Residential	8788			
Multi-family Residential	399			
Commercial/Institutional	759			
Industrial	68			
Landscape Irrigation	357			
Other	51			
Agricultural Irrigation				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10422</b>			

## 3. Total Water Into the System - Units of production:

acre-feet  million gallons  hundred cubic feet

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Wells	128.272	100.8322	157.6083	217.255	280.4382	305.8952	336.9941	317.952	275.135	222.0009	175.3551	130.2617	2648
Surface Purchased <sup>1/</sup>													
<b>Total Potable</b>	<b>128.272</b>	<b>100.8322</b>	<b>157.6083</b>	<b>217.255</b>	<b>280.4382</b>	<b>305.8952</b>	<b>336.9941</b>	<b>317.952</b>	<b>275.135</b>	<b>222.0009</b>	<b>175.3551</b>	<b>130.2617</b>	<b>2648</b>
Untreated Water													
Recycled <sup>2/</sup>													

1/ Potable wholesale supplier(s): \_\_\_\_\_

2/ Recycled wholesale supplier(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Level of treatment:

acre-feet  million gallons  hundred cubic feet

## 4. Metered Water Deliveries - Units of delivery:

If recycled is included, ✓ box ↓  acre-feet  million gallons  hundred cubic feet

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
A. Single Family Residential <input type="checkbox"/>	142544	78464	106318	146546	181300	252693	239696	228192	248909	140733	129690	101274	1996359
B. Multi-family Residential <input type="checkbox"/>	19086	18090	20378	24860	25534	34503	31564	30760	36098	21914	23558	20769	307114
C. Commercial/Institutional <input type="checkbox"/>	41093	16567	21701	31315	40660	58551	53612	49062	55213	32605	30674	25377	456430
D. Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	5068	5032	9959	5687	5649	7533	6297	6143	7717	4998	4385	4620	73088
E. Landscape Irrigation <input type="checkbox"/>	17677	5854	12160	33091	42348	56755	55538	45010	58086	32133	25012	14413	398077
F. Other <input type="checkbox"/>	4923	2709	5966	5839	20620	3200	2102	1269	9704	6310	9024	3134	74800
<b>Total Urban Retail (A thru F)</b>	<b>230391</b>	<b>126716</b>	<b>176482</b>	<b>247338</b>	<b>316111</b>	<b>413235</b>	<b>388809</b>	<b>360436</b>	<b>415727</b>	<b>238693</b>	<b>222343</b>	<b>169587</b>	<b>3305868</b>
Agricultural Irrigation <input type="checkbox"/>													
Wholesale (to other agencies) <input type="checkbox"/>													



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Customer Class	Potable Water		Recycled Water	
	Metered	Unmetered	Metered	Unmetered
Single Family Residential	8740			
Multi-family Residential	396			
Commercial/Institutional	714			
Industrial	64			
Landscape Irrigation	340			
Other	51			
Agricultural Irrigation				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10305</b>			

**2. Active Service Connections**

**3. Total Water Into the System - Units of production:**

acre-feet  million gallons  hundred cubic feet

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Wells	100.778	114.3276	103.098	109.747	238.061	297.405	346.9914	321.7334	283.9142	211.6602	167.9949	125.6245	2421.335
Surface													
Purchased <sup>1/</sup>													
<b>Total Potable</b>	100.778	114.3276	103.098	109.747	238.061	297.405	346.9914	321.7334	283.9142	211.6602	167.9949	125.6245	2421.335
Untreated Water													
Recycled <sup>2/</sup>													

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Level of treatment: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Metered Water Deliveries - Units of delivery:**

acre-feet  million gallons  hundred cubic feet

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
A. Single Family Residential <input type="checkbox"/>	59.633	59.923	50.545	60.960	113.382	155.008	202.814	186.921	171.887	119.681	99.968	74.751	1355.474
B. Multi-family Residential <input type="checkbox"/>	13.505	13.387	11.868	14.801	17.879	22.810	26.169	25.644	24.217	19.521	16.701	15.059	221.560
C. Commercial/Institutional <input type="checkbox"/>	17.958	14.184	12.325	14.532	24.362	38.759	42.153	40.534	41.513	27.326	23.828	16.916	314.390
D. Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	3.736	3.692	3.227	3.972	3.950	4.752	5.145	5.467	4.956	3.978	3.996	3.822	50.693
E. Landscape Irrigation <input type="checkbox"/>	2.893	6.299	5.178	4.151	21.585	36.733	46.565	46.593	42.982	29.502	20.394	10.082	272.957
F. Other <input type="checkbox"/>		6.826	0.040	0.207	0.643	0.014	0.131	2.762	0.013	18.398	1.306	0.002	30.342
<b>Total Urban Retail (A thru F)</b>	97.725	104.311	83.182	98.623	181.801	258.076	322.977	307.921	285.569	218.406	166.193	120.632	2245.416
Agricultural Irrigation <input type="checkbox"/>													
Wholesale (to other agencies) <input type="checkbox"/>													

## **Council Comment by Council Member Fred Strong**

**October 7, 2008**

### **California League of Cities Annual Conference & Exposition**

**September 24 – 27, 2008**

As the official voting delegate of the city and a member of two policy committees that were meeting the first day of the Conference, I arrived Tuesday evening and settled in to study the agenda material for my meetings Wednesday morning and afternoon.

The materials included a proposed resolution by the South San Joaquin Valley Division of the League relating to "Comprehensive State Water Infrastructure Plan". The resolution focused on the need to make the Delta and State Water Project through the San Joaquin Valley the first priority for all State funding and demanded that it be done immediately. Based on sub-committee meetings we'd already had, research on current State plans in the water area and the fact that we'd created a new Water Task Force for the League for 2009, on Tuesday, following Monday's conference call, I marked it up heavily with proposed amendments to make it apply statewide and include Paso Robles and the Channel Counties area.

I also studied materials for the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement (SSUTA) sub-committee meeting set for the afternoon. Those materials included Federal Senate Bill 34, by Mr. Enzi, which lays out the basis for Federal recognition and permission to proceed with a national standard for collection of sales and use taxes. It has over two dozen areas of concern that could have major impacts upon the California tax laws. I looked over a survey of states with sales and use taxes and their comments on the SSUTA. Vermont thinks it cost them money while Oklahoma believed the opposite. Many of the comments were cautionary. I also reviewed the court decision in California v Barnes & Noble regarding the "nexus" for national organizations doing business through a combination of stores, catalog and internet sales. California prevailed. A quick overview of pre-meeting emails on the subject brought me up to speed.

#### **Wednesday morning**

I got ready and was at the Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee meeting by 9:30 and stopped briefly in the room for the Revenue & Taxation

Policy Committee to inform the staff and chairman that I had been scheduled in two places at the same time. I decided to attend the one with an action item and try to get to the information only meeting afterwards.

The HCED meeting began with public comment and went right into the proposed resolution. Following presentations and open Q & A + debate on the proposal with information provided on the new Task Force on Water, an official League position from 1988, a report on bond proposals by the Governor and Senator Feinstein and by a group of State Assembly persons plus a position paper by the Latino Water Coalition favoring the resolution, we began to form our recommendation to the Resolutions Committee.

I made the motion to amend the resolution in six places to remove its regional nature and make it a statewide concern. The member from Antioch offered additional amendments to clarify which I accepted. Then a City Attorney from the Bay Area proposed a substitute motion to refer the entire matter to the newly formed Water Task Force. I immediately agreed to support the substitute motion instead of my own. It passed unanimously.

We then received brief updates on a number of bills that were on the Governor's desk for signature, including SB 375 by Steinberg. A technical overview of that bill was handed out, one of which I acquired to pass on to our administration.

I then went back over to Revenue & Taxation to catch the last item on its agenda which was a current budget update with comments by our leading officials.

I managed to get over to the convention center and register before returning for the SSUTA meeting.

### **Wednesday afternoon and evening**

We briefly reviewed the pre-meeting materials and were introduced to three experts who have been dealing with this issue for a few years representing various interested parties. They had agreed to sit in on the meeting and offer their knowledge and expertise. One of them had spent part of his youth in Paso Robles and attended Paso Robles High School on 24<sup>th</sup> and Spring. We heard briefly from Doug Kitchen of Muni-Services and had a long and thorough power point presentation by Martha Jones, PhD, formerly of the California Department of Industrial Relations. Her 72 slide presentation with commentary and discussion took up the bulk of the time available for the meeting.

During the course of the afternoon we reviewed graphs and statistics on the impacts of various aspects of the SSUTA on the California and local economy.

We concluded that we urge California to get back to the table and attend the national SSUTA Board meetings while watching and commenting on developments in Congress. We will continue to monitor and position ourselves to offer substantial amendments to the SSUTA agreement in an attempt to make it more palatable to the largest warehousing and manufacturing states. We also urged that efforts be made among the largest affected states to re-write the entire agreement to conform more to their practices in an effort to move toward a single document that all parties can live with.

We will attempt to meet with the Chairman of the State Board of Equalization and the Boards key staff members at our next meeting in January in Sacramento, in conjunction with League policy committee meetings.

I went from the sub-committee meeting to the Expo Hall and found some books to buy at "City Books", our League's bookstore, including the 2007 Edition of the "Implementation Guide" for Proposition 218. After that I went to the First General Session of the Conference. The speaker on "No Barriers, Only Solutions" was a disabled man who had sailed his own small boat from South Africa around the world back to South Africa. He was very inspiring.

That evening I was able to eat some food I'd brought with me in my room before finding a Duplicate Bridge game to relax with. I filled my gas tank at only \$3.57/gallon on my way back to the hotel. After a half hour of socializing with other conference attendees I went to bed.

### **Thursday**

In the morning ( 8 a.m.) we had sessions on "Regional Outreach, Local Action: Challenges and Opportunities for Blueprint Implementation", "Fair Housing, Group Homes and Local Control", "Local and Foreclosed Housing – City Solutions and Resources" followed by Department meetings.

At 9:30 we met and elected new officers for the Mayors and Council Members Department of the League. That meeting was followed by an address by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. The governor thanked the League for working with him on many important issues to protect local government revenues and prerogatives while

dealing with state legislation and initiatives. He also urged us to get behind and pass Proposition 11 to end partisan political control of the seats in the legislature. He opined that the "safe" seats are a major cause of each political party having isolated itself from its cohorts across the aisle. Fair and non-political redistricting is the only way, in his opinion, to force the political parties to become Americans and Californians once again. The Governor was very friendly (and his body guards were very efficient).

The Channel Counties Division of the League held its annual elections meeting over lunch .

That afternoon I attended a session entitled, "Entering the Blogosphere: Using New Media to Talk to Your Community", and followed that with a General Session address on "Who's Your City" by author Richard Florida. It concentrated on the interrelationships between the design and functioning of a city and how there is a mutual cause and effect between that and who chooses to live in a city. The right atmosphere attracts the human resources to make it function efficiently and successfully.

There was a reception hosted by the City of Long Beach following the General Session followed by dinner that night with our City Attorney and other representatives from her office and other cities whom they serve. Conversation turned around various major trends in the courts and legislation as well as how City personalities drive things in specific directions.

## **Friday**

In the morning there was a session on "Show Me the Water! Tools To Help Cities Navigate California's Deepening Regulatory Drought". It was very good but didn't cover anything I didn't already know from my other research and activities. I then went to a special presentation on "LED Streetlights - Ready for Prime Time?" which was very interesting on this rapidly emerging, energy efficient, cost saving method of lighting our streets and buildings. There are high start-up costs, however. Also, utility companies do not have friendly billing systems in this regard. I learned a lot but have much more to learn. I'm expecting some additional materials in this regard shortly.

I spent some time collecting information and materials from various exhibitors in the Exposition Hall. I concentrated on items that our administration had said would be of

specific interest and benefit to our city as it moves forward in the areas of water, waste water and storm water as well as energy co-generation and/or energy self-sufficiency. I stopped and fixed myself a sandwich in my room and had a V-8 before heading to the Resolutions Committee meeting.

The first resolution to be handled was an amendment to the League By-Laws dealing with vacancies and renaming the Recreation, Parks and Community Services Department as just the Community Services Department. There was no controversy regarding those amendments.

Controversy arose when the language was proposed to give every "Caucus" a vote on the Board of Directors. The four caucuses currently recognized by the League are The Black Caucus, The Latino Caucus, The Pacific Islander/Asian Caucus and the Gay/Lesbian Caucus.

Those in favor stated that this change would promote diversity and show the world that California is proactive in eliminating prejudice. The argument against, framed by myself as lead speaker at Resolutions, was that this is the California League of Cities not the League of Minorities or Social Issues; that the cities pay dues not the caucuses; that 50 members on the Board is already too many and unwieldy and should not be added to; that the amendment did not limit the number of caucuses or the type and that the fact that we allocate resources to the caucuses, we've created the caucuses and given them a policy voice; and we consider their input in our decision making already prove that we welcome diversity and are not prejudiced. However, the Resolutions Committee approved the resolution without amendment.

The resolution supporting a 2-1-1 hot line for non-critical questions was approved.

A resolution supporting an extension of the Federal Section 45 Production Tax Credit was approved with no controversy.

The water resolution was hotly debated with the Environmental Policy Committee having brought a recommendation similar to the one I had originally proposed in HCED. However, I spoke and related how I had supported the referral to the Task Force after that substitute motion had been made. The committee then voted to support the recommendation of HCED for referral to the Water Task Force. The resolution was removed from the Voting Session Agenda.

A resolution presented by special petition signed by over 10% of the voting delegates was presented urging more local control of sober living homes. It was debated and approved by the committee.

Following the committee meeting I went to Exposition Hall again and collected more information and materials on water treatment, wastewater and other topics that could save money for Paso Robles or bring us some grant funding.

The Closing General Session which followed featured Pulitzer Prize winning author Doris Kearns Goodwin who spoke on "Lessons In Leadership" a recap of some main points from her book, "Team Of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln". She was a spell binding speaker and announced at the end that she had to rush out as she was commentator on the Presidential Candidates Debate that night for NBC. However, I was able to catch her on the sidewalk outside long enough to do a favor for Mayor Mecham. That night I went to dinner as the guest of former Paso Robles Penney's Store Manager Floyd Olsen and listened to a portion of the debate before returning to the hotel and joining a social function with the Black Caucus.

### **Saturday**

Saturday was quick and efficient. The Conference was called to order. The resolutions were dealt with one at a time. I spoke to two of them. All Resolutions Committee positions were adopted except regarding the voting seats on the Board of Directors for the caucuses where the position I again spoke in favor of was adopted on a split vote of 117 - 107. No new positions were added to the Board of Directors.

The meeting was adjourned. I checked out and left for home at 11:15 a.m.