



**Joint Committee on Austin Water Utility's Financial Plan  
May 7, 2014  
Waller Creek Center, Room 104  
625 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Austin, Texas**

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## **AGENDA**

### **Water & Wastewater Commission Members**

Mickey Fishbeck  
Chien Lee, P.E.

### **Resource Management Commission Members**

Sean Kelly  
Luke Metzger

### **Impact Fee Advisory Committee Members**

Kris Bailey  
J.R. (Hank) Kidwell  
Brian Rodgers

### **Staff in Attendance:**

David Anders, Assistant Director, Daryl Slusher, Robert Rowan, Michael Castillo, Jane Burazer, Jason Hill, Sonia Stefaniw, Ron Bedinghaus, Bart Jennings, Amy Hunter, Rick Coronado, Chris Chen, Kristi Fenton, Songli Floyd, Henrietta Melgar, Drema Gross, Mercedes Garcia-Lopez, Willy Conrad, Dave Juarez, Mehrdad Morabbi, Brian Long, Teresa Lutes, Ayman Benyamin, William Robinson, and Chevonne Pullen

### **Additional Attendees:**

Citizens: Donna Howe, Brenda Richter, Dan Wilcox, and Kara Wuzback

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#### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Fishbeck called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

#### **B. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

1. Donna Howe from Wells Branch Municipal Utility District began by addressing statements made by Austin Water Staff during the Committee meeting held on April 30, 2014. Mrs. Howe continued to state that Wholesale rates are not based on Cost of Service. Mrs. Howe described that Wells Branch MUD does not sell to their first tier below the Cost of Service nor do they sell 67% of their water gallons below cost. Mrs. Howe urged the Commissioners to continue to ask the right questions regarding

**Austin Water's request for more revenue during a drought. Mrs. Howe stated that during a drought the Austin Water Utility should be spending less money.**

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Luke Metzger moved to approve the minutes. Chien Lee 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion to approve them. Chair Fishbeck, Vice-chair Bailey, Commissioner Kelly, Committee Member Rodgers, Commissioner Metzger, Commissioner Lee and Commissioner Kidwell approved the minutes.**

**D. DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR COMMITTEE'S REVIEW:**

**David Anders provided short description on discussion items including new Forecast Option Summary 7 and 8, along with a new Rate Design Option 8 for review. David reviewed the handouts provided to the Commissioners to reference during the meeting including a copy of the Council Resolution reaffirming the Joint Committee and the City Manager's dedication to work with the Joint Committee to keep the Utility financially strong and secure that was passed on Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**1. Handout Summary**

- a. Presentation**
- b. Forecast Option Summaries 9-10**
- c. Rate Design Option 9 and 10**
- d. Council Resolution No. 20140501-040**
- e. Q&A Responses**

**E. REPORTS BY COMMITTEE**

**Chair Fishbeck reviewed the 2012 Joint Committee recommendations with the Commissioners and Austin Water Staff.**

**F. VOTING ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE**

**None**

**G. NON VOTING DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**None**

**H. STAFF BRIEFINGS, PRESENTATIONS, AND OR REPORTS**

**1. Expense Review**

**David Anders from Austin Water Utilities presented new Forecast Option Summaries 10 and 11 along with two new Drought Rate Options. Greg Meszaros and David Anders reviewed with the Commissioners review the expense reports provided in the handouts section in Meeting 4. Both Mr. Meszaros and Mr. Anders answered several questions from the Commissioners regarding debt coverage, expense line items, and Water Treatment Plant #4.**

**I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- 1. Drought Rates**
- 2. Expense Review**
- 3. Recommendation**

**J. ADJOURN**

**Chair Fishbeck adjourned the meeting at 9:16 p.m. without objection.**