



**Joint Committee on Austin Water Utility's Financial Plan
April 23, 2014
Waller Creek Center, Room 104
625 East 10th Street
Austin, Texas**

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AGENDA

Water & Wastewater Commission Members

Mickey Fishbeck (Absent)
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:

Greg Meszaros, Director, David Anders, Assistant Director, Daryl Slusher, Robert Rowan, Michael Castillo, Jane Burazer, Sonia Stefaniw, Ron Bedinghaus, Bart Jennings, Amy Hunter, Rick Coronado, Kristi Fenton, Songli Floyd, Henrietta Melgar, Dan Wilcox and Chevon Pullen

Additional Attendees:

Citizens: Donna Howe, Brenda Richter

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-chair Bailey called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

B. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

1. Donna Howe briefly spoke requesting the Commissioners to take into consideration concerns regarding the General Fund transfers and taxation laws.
2. Brenda Richter briefly spoke regard the General Fund and 32 actions by AWU that are being disputed. Ms. Richter stressed her view on the elimination of the fund transfers to the General Fund.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sean Kelly moved to approve the minutes. Luke Metzger 2nd the motion to approve them. Vice-chair Bailey, Commissioner Lee and Commissioner Kidwell approved the minutes.

Brian Rodgers did not participate in the approval of minutes since he was absent on April 2, 2014.

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR COMMITTEE'S REVIEW:

- 1. Handout Summary**
 - a. Presentation**
 - b. Forecast Options**
 - c. Rate Design Options**
 - d. Option 14 Fund Summary**
 - e. Fund Summary Line Item Description**
 - f. Drought Rate Information**
 - g. Expense Handouts**
 - h. Q&A Responses**
 - i. Approved Meeting Topic Schedule**
 - j. Water Supply Task Force Resolution**
- 2. Forecast Options**
- 3. Rate Design Options**
- 4. Drought Rate Information**
- 5. Expense Handout Review**

E. REPORTS BY COMMITTEE

None

F. VOTING ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE

- 1. Committee selected Vice-chair Kris Bailey as the representative for the Water Supply Task Force. Sean Kelly motions to vote on the appointment and Commissioner Chien Lee 2nd the motion to bring to a vote. All Commissioners approve. Mickey Fishbeck was not present to vote.**

G. NON VOTING DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1. Vice-chair Kris Bailey motions to have an open discussion among the Commissioners to discuss whether the Committee would like to focus more on Rate Design versus Expense Review.**

H. STAFF BRIEFINGS, PRESENTATIONS, AND OR REPORTS

- 1. Financial Forecast Options**
- 2. Rate Design Options**
- 3. Drought Rates**
- 4. Expense Review**

David Anders presented Austin Water Utilities Financial Forecast presentation that included a new Financial Forecast Option 14 along adjusted Rate Design Options, Drought Rates, and directed the Commissioners to review the Expense reports provided in the handouts section.

I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Drought Rates**
- 2. Expense Review**
- 3. Forecast and Rate Design Options**

J. ADJOURN

Vice-chair Bailey adjourned the meeting at 9:33 p.m. without objection.