

**PORA Water Committees
December 2, 2014 @ 9:30 a.m. Minutes**

Attendees: Merlyn Carlson/Chairman, Golf Course, J.B. Wyckoff, Duane Robinson, James West, Howard Jones, Stuart Tuner and Tom Cook.

1. Introduction/ Welcome Merlyn Carlson
2. Minutes of October 7, 2014, Merlyn Carlson
Motion by Tom Cook: to postpone the approval of the minutes until next meeting was seconded and approved unanimously.

3. Current Updates:
EPCOR - None
SCW Rec Centers – None

J.B. Wyckoff / Briarwood Golf course:

- We are under our water allotment thanks to the rain this year.

Committee:

- Stuart Turner was introduced as a new member of the Water Committee.

Q: Doug Batey: What is the update on the wastewater consolidation proposal by Epcor?

A: Merlyn Carlson: An interim agreement has been signed by all stake holders. This is to ask for an interim study of all rates. This will be to update the figures from the 2006-2008 rates that were studied, to the more current rates. An Administrative Law Judge will review the agreement.

Q: Jim Hreig: Under the agreement will our rates go up?

A: Merlyn Carlson: It will go up \$1.50 January 1, 2015.

Stuart Turner: I attended the meeting in Sun City at the Sun Dial Center last week. The meeting was well attended. Corte Bella also attended, and their argument regarding their higher wastewater rate is they just don't like having to pay the larger amount for their wastewater. Unfortunately for them, they live in a much newer area and the cost to build their infrastructure was much higher. EPCOR has to average their infrastructure cost out. Sun City West infrastructure was at a much lower cost back in the 1970s and 1980s. As I see it, if my neighbor remodels his house, it doesn't mean my house payment should go up. The argument that Corte Bella and the other small communities had at the meeting was farness. Fair is, if each entity has the same methodology in how the rates are calculated is fair. It doesn't mean the dollar amount is the same, but the rates are calculated uniformly.

Howard Jones: Assuming the Corporation Commission did its job equably in the past, then the fees Corte Bella and the other communities are paying are reasonable and fair. As new systems come on, the ACC assessed that rate for that cost. What those communities are talking about now is that we go in and help pick up their cost.

5. Old Business:

Discussed Tom Cook is doing an article to inform residents of water issues in Sun City West for possible publication.

Motion by Duane Robinson: To authorize the water article by Tom Cook was seconded and passed unanimously.

Motion by Howard Jones: To amend the main motion and add the words (state the cooperative feeling that was expressed with Briarwood) was seconded and passed unanimously.

Amended motion: was seconded and approved unanimously. :

6. New Business:

7. Adjournment 10:54 A.M.

Next Meeting: **January 6, 2014 at 9:30 A.M.**

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