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Utilities Rate Advisory Commission

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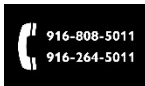
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Wednesday, June 22, 2022

5:30 p.m.

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- In the further interest of time, speakers may be asked to limit their comments to new materials and not repeat what a prior speaker said. Organized groups may choose a single spokesperson who may speak for the group but with no increase in time. Speakers shall not concede any part of their allotted time to another speaker.
- The Presiding Officer may further limit the time allotted for public comments per speaker or in total for the orderly conduct of the meeting and such limits shall be fairly applied.

City of Sacramento

Utilities Rate Advisory Commission

City Hall Complex, 915 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

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Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

5:30 p.m.

All items listed are heard and acted upon by the Utilities Rate Advisory Commission unless otherwise noted.

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Open Session – 5:30 p.m.

Regular meeting called to order by Vice Chair Vander Werf at 5:40 p.m. Wednesday, June 22, 2022.

Commissioners Present: Connie Gutowsky, Philip Thomas, Jill Zito, and Rae Vander Werf [all via teleconference]

Commissioners Absent: Megan Fidell, Melissa Lee

Consent Calendar

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered and acted upon by one Motion. Anyone may request an item be removed for separate consideration.

Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Zito / Commissioner Gutowsky

Yes: Commissioners Connie Gutowsky, Philip Thomas, Jill Zito, and Rae Vander Werf

Absent: Commissioners Megan Fidell, and Melissa Lee.

A motion **passed** to adopt the Consent Calendar in one motion except as indicated at each item.

1. Approval of Utilities Rate Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

File ID: 2022-01024

Location: Citywide

Action: Passed a **Motion** approving the Utilities Rate Advisory Commission Meeting minutes of April 27, 2022.

Contact: Blair Hongo, Deputy City Clerk, (916) 808-5929, bhongo@cityofsacramento.org; Alexis B. Allen, Deputy City Clerk, (916) 808-5928, aballen@cityofsacramento.org, Office of the City Clerk

2. Teleconferencing Meetings During the COVID-19 State of Emergency (30-Day Finding)

File ID: 2022-01259

Location: Citywide

Action: Passed a **Motion** for the Utilities Rate Advisory Commission to continue meeting by teleconferencing pursuant to California Government Code section 54953(e) because: 1) a proclaimed state of emergency relating to the COVID-19 pandemic is currently in effect; 2) state and local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; and 3) as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees.

Contact: Mindy Cuppy, MMC, City Clerk, (916) 808-5442, mcuppy@cityofsacramento.org, Office of the City Clerk

Discussion Calendar

Discussion calendar items include an oral presentation including those recommending “receive and file”.

3. Department of Utilities Accountability Plan Update - 3rd Quarter of Fiscal Year 2022

File ID: 2022-01192

Location: Citywide

Action: Received and filed.

Contact: Bill Busath, Director, (916) 808-1434, bbusath@cityofsacramento.org

Commission Comments-Ideas and Questions

None.

Public Comments – Matters Not on the Agenda

None.

Adjournment – 6:20 p.m.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of June 22, 2022, as approved by the Utilities Rate Advisory Commission.



Alexis Allen, Deputy City Clerk