

CITY OF COLTON
UTILITIES COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2019

The Regular Meeting was held on the above given date and called to order at 6:04 P.M. by Ms. Rosas. In the absence of the Commission's Chair and Vice-Chair, Commissioner Strutz was nominated for temporary Chair to conduct the meeting.

B. FLAG SALUTE

Led by Commissioner Strutz

C. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Joe Nerio; Commissioner Eric Strutz; Commissioner Jose Olivar; Commissioner Michele McKinney

Absent: Commissioner Mike Razo; Commissioner Rosanne Reyes.
Commissioner Hamideh Tavakoli-Ahmady resigned the Utilities Commission effective August 8, 2019

Staff Present: Dr. David Kolk, Utilities Director; Rebecca Gallegos, Utilities Planning Manager; Jessica Sutorus, Environmental Conservation Supervisor; Adrienne Rogers, Senior Energy Services Specialist.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1.) June 10, 2019 Meeting
Motion to approve by Commissioner McKinney, Second by Commissioner Nerio.
Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

F. BUSINESS ITEMS/ACTION ITEMS

- 2.) Annual Sustainability Program Review
Ms. Jessica Sutorus presented a broad overview of this agenda item and/ including the results achieved for water conservation for FY 18/19. She included information on residential, commercial and City facilities conservation accomplishments. She also presented a number of proposed goals to improve the customer experience. Ms. Sutorus answered Commissioners questions and offered additional information as requested.
- 3.) Pilot Program Recommendation for Electric and Water to Participate in SCPPA Agreements
Ms. Sutorus asked the Commission for recommendation on two Staff Reports provided to the Commissioners in their Documentation packet.

Motion to Recommend: Commissioner Olivar, second by Commissioner McKinney.
Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

After Ms. Sutorus presentation, Dr. Kolk recognized Ms. Sutorus and Ms. Rogers for their contributions to the success of Colton conservation programs.

Ms. Rogers is the Chair of the American Public Power Association – customer outreach/Key Accounts Committee. Colton conservation programs under Jessica Sutorus and Adrienne Rogers have achieved both state and national acknowledgement for their achievements in their field.

Colton received an award for being the 6th most solar energy intensive city in the United States.

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4.) Wildfire Prevention and Mitigation Plan – Presentation.

Dr. Kolk gave a brief background for the need to create this plan. The State requires every utility to prepare and approve a Wildfire Prevention and Mitigation Plan (WPMP) to comply with SB 1028. The utilities are required to design a plan describing the preventive measures the utilities will adopt for minimizing the risk of electrical fires. The WPMP represents Colton's efforts to comply with the State regulations. Dr. Kolk covered in detail the components of the WPMP and explained the approval process that begins with an external evaluator, posting the WPMP, and holding a public hearing before bringing it back to the Commission for recommendation to the City Council.

The Plan has to be updated every three years.

Dr. Kolk answered questions and provided additional information as needed.

5.) Compliance Period 2 RPS Verification Results

For informational purposes only, Staff provided the Commissioners with a copy a letter received from the California Department of Energy. In this letter they communicated to Dr. Kolk that the City of Colton was deemed in compliance with the Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) procurement requirements for Compliance Period 2 (2014-2016).

6.) Colton Facilities Tour

Staff asked the commissioners for possible dates for this tour. Staff will coordinate with the commissioners a date for the tour to be scheduled in the month of September.

G. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Olivar: Expressed thanks to Staff for the presentation and asked for the possibility to allow citrus trees installation allowed in the City parkways.

Ms. Sutorus responded. She added that the Urban Forestry Plan adopted by the City of Colton is available online for anyone to review.

Commissioner McKinney inquired about the nature of a structure located in Reche Canyon behind the water tank.

Dr. Kolk responded. Staff does not have any knowledge about this structure.

Commissioner Nerio: Inquired about sites for household hazardous waste disposal. Ms. Sutorus responded and provided the information requested.

H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None discussed.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting adjourned at 7:36 P.M. The next Meeting is scheduled on Monday, September 9, 2019.



Bertha A. Rosas, Secretary