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# UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

## Summary Notes

Tuesday, February 11, 2014

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Meeting – South Fork Water Board

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### 1. Call to Order and Introduction

- In attendance: Alice Richmond, Lance Calvert, Michael Dunlap, Bill Frazier, John Collins (SFWB), Ed Keonjian
- Called to order by Alice Richmond at 6:20pm

### 2. Approval of Summary Notes from January, 2014

- Michael Dunlap motioned to approve, Bill seconded the motion and board approved unanimously.

### 3. Discussion Items:

#### a. South Fork Water Board Presentation

- John briefed the UAB members regarding South Fork Water Board and what services they provide to the City of West Linn. It is equally owned by City of Oregon City and City of West Linn producing drinking water for approximately 100 years. In the 1950's the treatment plant was built. SFWB has reached status with the State of Oregon to be a preferred water provider. John provided information on partnership with PGE and SFWB. Since SFWB is a key customer (meaning that they use over \$500,000 in electricity annually) they qualify to participate in partnership which allows for SFWB to reduce loads when possible during peak usage of PGE electricity. SFWB intends to review partnership after 1 year to see effectiveness. PGE will be pay \$10,400/year as incentive to reduce power consumption loads. Periodic reduced pumping sites will still be able to support

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capacity needs. UAB asked for information about average water use by City of West Linn during peak seasons. John stated that City of West Linn uses approximately 16-18 million gallons/day during summer months; during winter months, the use is between 6-7 million gallons/day. Alice wanted to know how many household outside of West Linn's boundaries receive water from the City's system. Lance stated that are only a handful of homes. The reason they are provided water is that there is a demonstrated need (failed well, no other means of water) for the City to provide water. John provided contact information for future questions.

**b. Continued discussion and possible action regarding water rate recommendation**

- Reviewed past presentation and 3 different scenario increases for water rates. Anything over 5% will require voter approval. The purpose of rate increase is capital investment and improving water infrastructure. Water is one of the 2014 Council goals and this will be addressed in the Mayor's State of the City Address. Additional discussion should take place at the next meeting when more members are in attendance. Lance would like to know what additional information board members need to make a recommendation. Last meeting the board discussed recommending the 18% increase as this seems the most realistic recommendation. This increase is in line with the previous water rate increase recommendation to Council. UAB feels they will need strong financial information available in order to make a strong case to council and constituents for rate increase.

**4. Other Business**

a. Discussion regarding future UAB meeting location

- Due to ongoing technical issues in Council Chambers was recommended and agreed to moving future meetings to Rosemont Room rather than Council Chambers

**5. Adjournment**

- Adjourned at 7:15, motion moved by Michael Dunlap and seconded by Bill Frazier.

Tour of Facilities for those interested

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