

Staff Report

for the regular meeting of the Board of Directors, July 8, 2020

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Greg Jones, Interim General Manager
DATE: July 1, 2020
SUBJECT: Water Rates Committee Membership

ADMINISTRATION

RECOMMENDATION:

Review and discuss Water Rates Committee Membership change, as requested by NID Board President.

BACKGROUND:

This item is being presented to the Board for consideration, per the email received from Board President Heck dated June 19, 2020.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Unknown

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Attachments: (1)

- Email received from NID Board President, Ricki Heck dated June 19, 2020

As President, I respectfully propose a change to the Rates Committee, and I understand that Board approval is necessary for a change. The current Rate Committee members are Directors Peters and Wilcox.

The background is that shortly after Director Wilcox's announcement that he did not intend to run for reelection, I began to consider how the entire rates process would go forward. I had intended for the Agricultural Policy Committee comprised of Directors Bierwagen and Peters to inform the rates committee. The intention of the Ag. Policy committee was to be able to meet with the Farm Advisors of both Placer and Nevada Counties, their Farm Bureaus, and the UC Ag advisor. In light of the Cost of Service Study, our goal was to work within the confines of Prop 218 while also listening to the Ag community to determine potential solutions to raw water rates.

However, when the COVID crisis arrived the Ag. Policy committee was not able to meet with anyone for a couple of months and it became apparent to me that perhaps the two committees; Ag Policy and Rates may be duplicative.

My proposal is simply to change the rates committee from Directors Peters and Wilcox to Directors Peters and Bierwagen, thereby ensuring that the rates committee will be consistent after Director Wilcox leaves the Board in early December. It is likely that the rates committee work will carry on into 2021.

I believe this change in committee membership is a good idea and will provide consistency for the Board and Community.

ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Appoint Director Bierwagen to the rates committee in place of Director Wilcox.
2. Terminate the Ad Hoc Agricultural Policy Committee.