

ALBUQUERQUE BERNALILLO COUNTY
WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY MEETING
Tuesday, January 30, 2019, 5:07 p.m.

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A P P E A R A N C E S

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COUNCILOR KEN SANCHEZ, Member

TRUSTEE PABLO RAEL, Member (excused)

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BEFORE: KIM KAY SHOLLENBARGER, RPR, CCR #236
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1 CHAIR JONES: Good evening, everyone.
2 Thank you for being here. I call this January 30th,
3 2019 meeting of the Albuquerque Bernalillo County
4 Water Utility Authority to order. Commissioner
5 Quezada will participate by telephone and
6 Commissioner Stebbins is excused, and Commissioner
7 Pyskoty will be her alternate. Good evening,
8 Commissioner Pyskoty. This is her first shot at
9 this. A newly-elected County Commissioner. All
10 other members are present.

11 Let's have a moment of silence, then the
12 Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Pyskoty, if
13 she doesn't mind.

14 (Silence/Pledge of Allegiance)

15 CHAIR JONES: Thank you all, thanks for
16 joining us this evening. Just to let you know, we're
17 going to change the order of a couple of things on
18 the agenda tonight. We will be moving the election
19 of new officers to the last item on the meeting this
20 evening, and I'm sure that's going to really
21 disappoint you, because it's terribly exciting. But
22 last order of business.

23 So let's start off with Approval of the
24 Minutes. I make a motion to approve the December
25 4th, 2019 minutes.

1 COUNCILOR SANCHEZ: Second.

2 CHAIR JONES: There's a motion and a second.
3 All those in favor say yes.

4 MEMBERS: Yes.

5 CHAIR JONES: Opposed? Motion carries. Now
6 comes the fun part. You all love to have me do this,
7 don't you? This is the Quarterly Employee Incentive
8 Awards. If the employee is here to receive the
9 award, please come forward when your name is called,
10 we like to see who you are and we want to let you
11 know how much we appreciate what you do for the Water
12 Authority and all of the customers and all of us who
13 get to take the credit for the good work sometimes,
14 when you guys do it, so thank you. And in advance I
15 shall, of course, apologize that I am not good at
16 pronouncing some of these names. So if you would
17 like to step up to the mic and tell me how to
18 pronounce your name after it's done or if you just
19 want to ignore it and laugh at me, that's fine also.
20 So thank you all.

21 Here are the Quarterly Employee Incentive
22 Awards. The first is Robert Monjaras and Floyd Pena.
23 They each receive \$250. Floyd and Jerry are
24 recognized -- okay, this says, "Robert and Floyd,"
25 but now I'm saying, "Floyd and Jerry."

1 MR. MONJARAS: I go by Jerry.

2 CHAIR JONES: Thank you, Jerry. I knew I
3 could pronounce Floyd and Robert right. And I'm
4 wondering, what's going on here.

5 Floyd and Jerry are recognized for their
6 innovation in resolving a reliability and quality of
7 two-way radio communications at the San Juan Chama
8 Drinking Water Treatment Plant and at the Southside
9 Water Reclamation Plant. Thank you.

10 (Applause)

11 CHAIR JONES: Next is Roland Rocha, \$250.
12 Roland is recognized for going outside of his normal
13 job requirements in adapting Maximo 7.6 work order
14 system for use by the Water Authority's fleet
15 services section. Thank you, Roland.

16 (Applause)

17 CHAIR JONES: Pal Hardin, \$100. PJ, I can
18 do those, is recognized for innovating a cost-saving
19 method of refurbishing aging sampler batteries.
20 Thank you, PJ.

21 (Applause)

22 CHAIR JONES: James Lopez, \$200 plus 6 hours
23 of leave. James is recognized for his leadership in
24 managing construction for the South Valley Drinking
25 Water Project. To date, James and his staff have

1 installed approximately 3 miles of water main, 140
2 water service lines, 25 fire hydrants and 30
3 isolation valves and moved 12,000 cubic yards of
4 soil. Thank you.

5 (Applause)

6 CHAIR JONES: Dennis Chavez. Or Sanchez,
7 I'm sorry. Dennis Sanchez, \$100. Dennis is
8 recognized for his efforts to deliver water to a
9 disabled customer during an outage at an apartment
10 complex in October of 2018. Thank you. Dennis isn't
11 here, but he will get the money. Thank you.

12 (Applause)

13 CHAIR JONES: Thomas Heller, \$50. Tom is
14 recognized for making more than 20 successful
15 presentations to homeowner and neighborhood
16 associations regarding changes to the water waste and
17 conservation programs, presentations that have
18 generated letters of thanks from appreciative
19 customers. Thank you, Tom.

20 (Applause)

21 CHAIR JONES: Okay, now I'm challenged.
22 Mauricio Carreon and Porfirio Maestas, \$150 each.
23 Mauricio and Porfirio are recognized for their
24 innovation and hard work in improvising a repair on a
25 critical piece of sewage treatment equipment,

1 potentially saving thousands of dollars in damage to
2 other areas of the reclamation plant. Thank you.

3 (Applause)

4 CHAIR JONES: Councilor Pena laughed at me,
5 even if you didn't, so thank you.

6 COUNCILOR PENA: I actually told her she did
7 really well.

8 CHAIR JONES: Thank you. Cassia Sanchez,
9 Michael Richardson, Roger Gonzales, Nick Jernigan,
10 Arcenio Madrid, Hema Patel and William Sanderson, \$50
11 each. This team is recognized for their
12 contributions in the area of data collection and
13 analysis pursuant to important improvements in water
14 system performance. Thank you all.

15 (Applause)

16 CHAIR JONES: Jon Ebia, Kamyar Kia, Timothy
17 Chavez and Charles Fernandez, \$250 plus 4 hours.
18 These gentlemen are recognized for their successful
19 management and implementation of critical upgrades to
20 the SCADA system that controls operation of all Water
21 Authority wells, pump stations, flow control valves,
22 reservoirs, and water treatment systems. Their
23 efforts generated potential savings to the Water
24 Authority of approximately \$1 million. Thank you.

25 (Applause)

1 CHAIR JONES: The next one, I have only
2 Gallegos. So, Gallegos, if you have a first name,
3 come on down. Joshua Brown, Cruz Padilla, Nemecio
4 Lopez, Eric Romero, Anthony Baca, Donald Harrison,
5 Obed Marquez, Rudy Apodaca, Elias Ortiz, Steve
6 Maldonado and Isidro Padilla. Mark Gallegos, Angelo
7 Baca and Joshua Brown, \$100 plus 6 hours each. All
8 the others, \$50. I'm not sure who got a hundred and
9 who 50, but congratulations.

10 (Applause)

11 CHAIR JONES: These individuals are
12 recognized for their innovation and teamwork in
13 responding to a power outage last October that caused
14 the failure of several sewer vacuum stations. Their
15 quick thinking and hard work prevented potential
16 overflows and property damage in the affected
17 neighborhoods. Thank you. Thank you very much.

18 (Applause)

19 CHAIR JONES: Antonio Anaya-Arce, Miguel
20 Ulloa, Christopher Lucero, Dennis Chavez -- Sanchez,
21 I'm sorry. Ron Vigil, Ruben Cuellar, Alejandro
22 Granados, Jose Medina, Juan Martinez and Bobby
23 Trujillo, each \$100.

24 (Applause)

25 CHAIR JONES: These individuals are

1 recognized for their success in mitigating the impact
2 to customers of value location and isolation work in
3 the vicinity of Rio Grande and Candelaria ahead of
4 utility relocation planned for that area.

5 And we, as the Board of the Water Authority,
6 thank you for everything that you do for our City and
7 for us. Please come up and let us shake your hands.
8 Congratulations.

9 (Applause)

10 CHAIR JONES: Okay, we are back to business.
11 We have no more money to hand out, but we appreciate
12 everyone who wants to stay and watch us conduct this
13 meeting.

14 Next on the list is -- are we ready for
15 this? Is Public comment. Ready? How many do we
16 have signed up?

17 MS. CARREON: One.

18 CHAIR JONES: One, okay. So the one speaker
19 will have three minutes with a warning at
20 two-and-a-half minutes.

21 MS. CARREON: Elaine Hebard.

22 CHAIR JONES: Good evening, Elaine. Thanks
23 for being here.

24 MS. HEBARD. Hi. Good afternoon. Good
25 evening. My name is Elaine Hebard. And as many of

1 you know, I'm a long-time attendee of these monthly
2 meetings and I try to make constructive suggestions
3 to improve the water administration and the
4 management of our precious resource.

5 Today I'll begin by -- sorry, I have one of
6 those colds. Today I'll begin by repeating my
7 suggestion that the to-be developed groundwater
8 management plan includes specific matrix to be
9 achieved, as well as actions to be taken if those are
10 not met.

11 Policy A requires that the Water Board
12 utilize an adaptive management approach to water
13 resources planning and reporting. The water budget
14 established should be reported annually to the Board
15 and updated no less than five years.

16 How do 1915 -- 2015, sorry, water numbers,
17 model number, compare to reality? Is there any need
18 to update the water budget at this point? Not to
19 mention that the adaptive management approach
20 requires matrix as well.

21 The water report presented during drought
22 periods does not provide the Board with much more
23 than the drought status of the County and the water
24 usage for the year-to-day compared with the previous
25 year. But to properly evaluate drought conditions,

1 the Board should be aware what water usage compares
2 in terms of ground and surface water, as well as how
3 much was pumped last year versus this year. How does
4 that compare with the modeled assumptions?

5 Another related report -- topic, is the
6 water report itself. The MRGCD has one at every
7 meeting, which is twice a month, roughly. Topics
8 include the Rio Grande Compact considerations,
9 snowpack reports of the upper basin, as well as
10 issues for irrigators and board members to be aware
11 of. The ABC Board only has these reports when there
12 is a drought condition in Bernalillo County.

13 Well, the County right now looks
14 comparatively pretty good in terms of drought. The
15 upper basin is still suffering from the impacts of
16 last year's lack of snow. And as of today, both the
17 San Juan Basin, the Upper Rio Grande Basin has
18 approximately 80 percent of snow water equivalent for
19 this water year, which begins October 1st. So we're
20 not out of trouble.

21 As of today, as a part of the Colorado
22 Basin, the Albuquerque board members might be aware
23 of any impacts which the drought contingency plan,
24 which was reported in today's paper, might have on
25 the availability of San Juan Chama Project water for

1 this coming year.

2 Why not have a monthly water report
3 including information that the Board needs to make
4 their decisions on. Also related, why not have a
5 report on whether the objectives have been met. The
6 Board receives no updates as to their status.

7 The 2019 Second Quarter Performance
8 Indicator Report on today's agenda specifically does
9 not give you a status report. Here's an example.
10 Under goal 4, objective 2, the ABCWUA was to update
11 the Comprehensive Asset Management Plan by the end of
12 2018. That was extended to the end of 2019. It's
13 still not out. That's really critical to move
14 forward with all kinds of projects.

15 So there's also a citizen group with the
16 City, which is the Progress Indicators Commission and
17 Mr. Roth was chairing of that last year, and they
18 just issued this report this past month.

19 CHAIR JONES: Thank you.

20 MS. HEBARD: So maybe somebody -- there
21 could be a group --

22 CHAIR JONES: Thank you, Ms. Hebard. Thank
23 you very much. Appreciate you coming to talk to us.
24 That was our speaker for this evening.

25 Under Announcements and Communications, the

1 next scheduled meeting is February 27th, 2019 at
2 5:00 p.m. here in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers.

3 We are also going to go ahead and move up a
4 little bit and have a presentation, our
5 presentations. And the first one is Rio Grande Water
6 Fund presentation by Laura McCarthy from the Natural
7 Conser -- Nature Conservancy. Good evening. Thank
8 you for being here.

9 MS. MCCARTHY: Madam Chair and Members of
10 the Board, thank you for having me. I'm Laura
11 McCarthy with the Nature Conservancy, Associate State
12 Director. And with me is Sarah Hurteau, who is the
13 Urban Program Director for the Nature Conservancy
14 based here in Albuquerque. Some of you may know her.
15 And Katherine Yuhas. You all know Kathernie.

16 So I'm going to give an update on the Rio
17 Grande Water Fund.

18 (Video being played)

19 MS. MCCARTHY: And so it was the 2120 Plan,
20 and the spoke on the bottom right, that created the
21 policy, Policy J, for the Water Authority to be a
22 participant in the Rio Grande Water Fund. And
23 hopefully the video did a better job than I would
24 have in concisely explaining why this is necessary.

25 We have a five-year agreement between the

1 Nature Conservancy and the Water Authority, and so
2 far, in two years of that agreement, \$400,000 has
3 been transferred. And so what I'm going to -- my
4 next three minutes will be just showing you where
5 we've used that money.

6 This map shows Belen to the Colorado/New
7 Mexico line, which is our Rio Grande Water Fund
8 Project area. And in the upper left you see outlined
9 in red the San Juan Chama Project area. That is
10 shown in more detail on this map. And we decided
11 that that was the best place to invest the
12 Albuquerque Water Authority's money.

13 You see here then those -- there are three
14 squares that are blue, those are the diversion
15 points. And the black line is a representation of
16 the tunnel that carries the water into New Mexico
17 from the Blanco and Navajo.

18 This map overlay shows the fire risk in
19 those watersheds. And the green letters A through M
20 are the projects, the places where we have actually
21 used funding from the Water Authority and the MRGCD
22 to invest in thinning.

23 This is the project list, I won't go into
24 that in any detail. This is the kind of equipment
25 that has been used. And now I'm going to show you

1 four images of before/after of the thinning
2 treatments. And if you look at this one, what you
3 want to be looking at is the space between the trees,
4 before and after.

5 This is in the Blanco watershed. And here's
6 another image -- there we go. And you can see how
7 dramatically different the forest looks after you
8 remove the overgrown brush and trees.

9 And in this one, which is in the Navajo
10 watershed, you can see what are called by the
11 foresters, ladder fuels. So if you can imagine fire
12 moving across the ground, when it hits those small
13 trees it then has a pathway up into the treetops.
14 But in the image on the right you can see that that
15 is not going to happen.

16 And then the last one. What's striking
17 about this one is, in the left, before you couldn't
18 even tell that it was on a hill. And now after it's
19 had the thinning and been restored, and it will have
20 prescribed fire, it will come back as a much more
21 natural forest.

22 And that's it. So we're doing all of this
23 because it's where our water comes from. We really
24 appreciate the partnership with the Water Authority
25 and look forward to three more years under the

1 Memorandum of Agreement.

2 And with that, if you have any questions for
3 us or any feedback, we are happy to receive it now or
4 at any other time.

5 VICE CHAIR O'MALLEY: Does anybody have any
6 questions? So what is the effect of wildlife, birds,
7 this thinning?

8 MS. MCCARTHY: Sarah is actually a wildlife
9 biologist. So why don't you take that.

10 MS. HURTEAU: Sure. Madam Chair,
11 Councilors, I'd be happy to tell you about how this
12 happens. So usually when a fire burns in the
13 understory of the forest across the ground, animals
14 and other wildlife have the ability to move out of
15 the way because it's slow and low burning. When the
16 fire is able to get into the canopy, that's when you
17 see these sort of catastrophic events where wildlife
18 are unable to get out of the way of a fast-moving and
19 high-severity fire.

20 So these forest restoration treatments
21 really provide an opportunity for us to think about
22 how to manage the habitat that is going to create the
23 situation where wildlife can thrive in these restored
24 forests.

25 VICE CHAIR O'MALLEY: I was just wondering

1 if some of the older trees and these brush piles and
2 that, those are habitats, right, for birds and other
3 animals. But I guess there's also the larger risk,
4 which is the fire, is what you're saying.

5 MS. HURTEAU: Yes. It's really interesting
6 to think about the balance and the dynamics across a
7 large landscape. And so that's what the Rio Grande
8 Water Fund is really doing and thinking about, how do
9 we plan not just for a single place in a single
10 moment in time, but how do we manage the forest over
11 a broader landscape to make sure that those species
12 of interest have habitat that can grow and thrive
13 along with the populations over the landscape.

14 VICE CHAIR O'MALLEY: Thank you.

15 CHAIR JONES: Thank you for your
16 presentation. I came down because I handed Katherine
17 my phone with some pictures. We were blessed to have
18 a little cabin up at the -- in the canyon just -- not
19 all the way at the end -- at Conchas -- at Cochiti.
20 And this is what happens. Literally, it looks like a
21 moonscape. There is nothing left. The trees are
22 lines of ashes. We had a log cabin. It melted the
23 windows, the metal roof, and a cast iron potbelly
24 stove, literally disappeared and melted. You can't
25 believe that this has happened on our earth. It is

1 unbelievable. And had the forest been thinned and
2 maintained, this probably wouldn't have happened.

3 MS. MCCARTHY: Exactly. And, you know, for
4 our state, if that were ever to happen in the Blanco
5 and Navajo watersheds, it's unthinkable.

6 CHAIR JONES: The flood afterwards is what
7 was devastating for everything, because it was a
8 high-walled, narrow canyon, just rolled down. There
9 was nothing left alive in front of it. Councilor
10 Sanchez.

11 COUNCILOR SANCHEZ: Thank you, Madam
12 Chairman. I had one question. And I'm really
13 pleased to see these numbers. And my curiosity is,
14 how realistic are these goals? The restoration goal
15 of 30,000 acres per year or 600,000 acres over a
16 20-year period.

17 MS. MCCARTHY: First of all, go big or go
18 home, was the motto. But in your packets is the 2018
19 annual report. And since the launch in 2014 we have
20 restored 108,000 acres. So I think we are on track
21 to reach 600,000 acres in -- I guess we have 16 years
22 to go.

23 COUNCILOR SANCHEZ: That's great news.
24 Thank you.

25 CHAIR JONES: Commissioners, are there any

1 other questions? Thank you for being here. Thank
2 you. And this is a very important issue.

3 MS. MCCARTHY: Thank you.

4 CHAIR JONES: And our next speaker is Steve
5 House from Triple H Solar, LLC, with a solar energy
6 update.

7 MR. HOUSE: Good evening, Madam Chair, Board
8 Members.

9 CHAIR JONES: Good evening.

10 MR. HOUSE: I'm here just to give you a
11 quick update on your efforts with solar energy
12 projects at your facilities. I just want to give you
13 an overview of some of the things that you probably
14 already know, some new developments. In the slide
15 packet that you have there's some graphics that show
16 you where these projects are.

17 So for the Southside plant you have an
18 existing solar array down there that you're aware of.
19 It's a one megawatt project, saves you approximately
20 \$200,000 a year. That project has been there and in
21 place since about 2011.

22 We have another three megawatts that we're
23 working on. The combined production of those
24 projects has the possibility of saving you \$750,000 a
25 year off your energy bill.

1 Please ask questions too as I'm walking
2 through this. At the water treatment plant you have
3 an existing, relatively new, 1.7 megawatt. It's a
4 single-axis tracking array. It's a 25-year term.
5 And it is going to be saving about \$425,000 a year
6 off your energy bill.

7 We just yesterday reconfigured the new array
8 that's going in down there in conjunction with the
9 new facilities, the new admin facilities. It's going
10 to be a 6.2 megawatt array. It will be the largest
11 covered parking solar array in the state and it's
12 going to save about \$530,000 a year.

13 And then we have one more that is also in
14 development. It's going to be a project that you're
15 going to do in conjunction with the City and the
16 County. Hopefully the City, the County and the DOT,
17 and it's over at the Alameda parking lot there by the
18 river and it's for the raw water diversion pump
19 station. And it has a potential of saving about
20 \$200,000 a year.

21 So the percentages that are shown here for
22 each of these are fairly accurate, with the exception
23 of the percentages of solar energy used. The San
24 Juan Chama Project, instead of it being 28 percent
25 that's now going to go up about 7 percent with the

1 increased -- with the new system increase there.

2 And I am happy to walk through these aerials
3 with you, if you like. This is at the South Valley
4 plant, the existing array you have. It's a
5 single-axis -- or excuse me, it's a fixed axis
6 ground-mounted array.

7 These next several slides are also at the
8 South Valley Water Rec Plant. These are covered
9 parking. On this slide these are also covered
10 parking facilities. This particular area is still
11 under -- we're still looking at this, but it has the
12 potential to be a ground-mount, single-axis tracker,
13 much like the one that's at the water treatment plant
14 now.

15 This is that same array, the relatively new
16 single-axis tracker at the water treatment plant.
17 And this area here is where the new facilities and
18 the new covered parking array will be at the water
19 treatment plant.

20 And I think finally, this is the area we're
21 proposing for covered parking for the raw water
22 diversion station. With that, I'll stand for any
23 questions.

24 CHAIR JONES: Thank you. Are there any
25 questions? I'm kind of adding this up in my head and

1 it looks to me like we're right around \$2 million so
2 far and that's -- you're going to be talking real
3 money before long if we keep this up, aren't we.

4 MR. HOUSE: Yes, ma'am.

5 CHAIR JONES: Thank you. Thank you.

6 MR. HOUSE: Oh, congratulations.

7 CHAIR JONES: Thank you for giving us the
8 information. We appreciate you being here. Are
9 there any questions? Thank you, sir.

10 Next on our agenda is the Introduction of
11 First Reading of Legislation. And this is the
12 Amendment to the Approved Operating Budget of the
13 Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority
14 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.
15 Mr. Allred, good evening.

16 MR. ALLRED: Good evening, Madam Chairman
17 and Members of the Board. This is the first reading
18 of an amendment to the 2019 budget. There's
19 basically two items on here. One is to add an
20 additional \$500,000 for money we give to the Bureau
21 of Reclamation for repairs and maintenance on the San
22 Juan Chama flow from north, they're doing some extra
23 work. So this year when we budgeted we did it based
24 on prior years. We had a bill in the first quarter,
25 and they're doing some extra work and it equals to

1 about an extra \$500,000 for this fiscal year. So
2 this is the increased appropriation for that.

3 And also the second, the last item for
4 increased appropriation is the interest payment for
5 the 2018 bonds that we sold in October of this year.
6 This first payment is due June 31st and it's for
7 \$631,000. So I'm asking for appropriation for that.

8 All these appropriations will come from
9 existing fund balance and equates to about a third of
10 our percent of the fund balance total. And I stand
11 for any questions.

12 CHAIR JONES: Are there any questions?
13 Thank you. We'll see you at the next meeting. Thank
14 you, sir.

15 Moving right along to the Consent Agenda.
16 I'd like to make a motion to remove and defer Item E
17 to the February 27th board meeting.

18 COUNCILOR SANCHEZ: Second.

19 CHAIR JONES: There's a motion and a second.
20 All those in favor say yes.

21 MEMBERS: Yes.

22 CHAIR JONES: Motion carries. Now I'd like
23 to make a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as
24 amended.

25 COUNCILOR SANCHEZ: Second.

1 CHAIR JONES: All those in favor say yes.

2 MEMBERS: Yes.

3 CHAIR JONES: Opposed? Motion carries.

4 Thank you. Moving right along to 9, which is
5 Approvals. The first one is R-18-26, Amending Funds
6 for the Capital Implementation Program of the
7 Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority
8 for the Fiscal Year 2019. Oh, my goodness,
9 Mr. Allred. Thank you.

10 MR. ALLRED: Madam Chairman, Members of the
11 Board, this is the midyear budget adjustment for our
12 Capital Implementation Program. What it primarily
13 does is, per the request of the Department of Finance
14 Administrative Services for the State of New Mexico,
15 we are appropriating unspent appropriations from
16 Fiscal Year 2018 and moving them forward to 2019.

17 And then we're also, on various activities
18 with NCIP, we're moving unspent funds to funds that
19 may be overspent or need more funding for projects
20 that need to be encumbered against. And I stand for
21 any questions.

22 CHAIR JONES: Thank you. Are there any
23 questions?

24 VICE CHAIR O'MALLEY: Move approval.

25 CHAIR JONES: Second. There's a motion and

1 a second for approval. All those in favor say yes.

2 MEMBERS: Yes.

3 CHAIR JONES: Opposed? Motion carries.

4 Thank you, Mr. Allred. And the next is you, again.

5 C-19-4, Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the
6 fiscal years ended June 30th, 2018 and 2017.

7 MR. ALLRED: Madam Chairman, Members of the
8 Board, this is a communication required by the Office
9 of the State Auditor. We submitted our 2018 CAFR to
10 the State Auditor on November 21st, I believe. It
11 was released by the State Auditor's Office by
12 November 20th -- December 20th of this year. We did
13 have an exit conference. Madam Chairman attended as
14 a representative of the Board for that.

15 And just real quick. If you read page 20
16 at, your own leisure, of the CAFR it states, "The
17 financial statements referred to above presents
18 fairly, in all material respects, the financial
19 position of the Water Authority as of June 30th, 2018
20 and 2017. And changes in the financial position of
21 the cash flows; thereof, of the years ended in
22 accordance with the Accounting Principals in the
23 United States of America."

24 So just to let you know, it's five years in
25 a row now we've submitted a CAFR on time and we're

1 very proud of that.

2 CHAIR JONES: Thank you, Mr. Allred, we
3 appreciate that. Are there any questions? I make a
4 motion to approve.

5 COUNCILOR SANCHEZ: Second.

6 CHAIR JONES: There's a motion and a second
7 to approve. All those in favor say yes.

8 MEMBERS: Yes.

9 CHAIR JONES: Motion carries. Thank you.
10 Mr. Roth, you're new here tonight. I thought it was
11 Mr. Allred's show.

12 This is Item C, FY 2019 Second Quarter
13 Performance Indicator Report.

14 MR. ROTH: Madam Chair, Members of the
15 Board, the indicators in front of you are aligned to
16 the goals and objectives benchmarking the customer
17 opinion survey and are presented by the service level
18 categories of regulatory, reliability, quality,
19 customer service, and finance.

20 At the end of the second quarter we achieved
21 our targets in 17 of the 22 indicators, 5 are still a
22 work in progress. One of them that I would like to
23 focus on is under reliability, which is injury time.
24 Here you can see it's reported 649 hours. This is
25 the lowest that's ever been recorded at this point of

1 the fiscal year. And this performance is really
2 helpful in terms of achieving work-related injuries.
3 This is a report that's produced by OSHA that's
4 required at the end of each calendar year.

5 This graph shows the ratio of employee lost
6 days to total worked hours by all employees. As you
7 can see, there's a significant decrease since 2006,
8 almost a 100 percent decrease, and workplace safety
9 is a top priority of the Water Authority. The
10 indicators that you saw in the previous slide, we
11 certainly could not have reached 17 of 22 targets if
12 we were still at 2006 levels.

13 I'd be happy to answer any questions on any
14 of these indicators.

15 CHAIR JONES: Thank you. Questions?

16 Ms. Nair.

17 MS. NAIR: No question. I just wanted to
18 shout out Mr. Roth for his work, for the City's
19 Indicators Progression Commission. This year we
20 doubled the number of meetings. We like quadrupled
21 the participation. We made them have one bilingual.
22 We probably seven times increased the work of the
23 commission. And Mr. Roth did a fabulous job, as he
24 does with this one as well. So thank you.

25 MR. ROTH: Thank you.

1 CHAIR JONES: Thank you. Yes, ma'am.

2 COMMISSIONER PYSKOTY: I just have a
3 question about the dramatic decrease in the
4 work-related injuries, what accounts for that?

5 MR. ROTH: Many of the -- well, creating a
6 light-duty program, creating incentives.
7 Communicating is really the key. Communicating where
8 we are, how this is not acceptable and how we have to
9 become more closer to what you see as a U.S. median,
10 that black line, which we are now under the median at
11 this point. Also, in terms of developing safe work
12 incentives, and more recently our wellness program.

13 COMMISSIONER PYSKOTY: Very nice. Thank
14 you.

15 CHAIR JONES: Thank you, Mr. Roth. Any
16 other questions? Then I move approval of C-19-5.

17 VICE CHAIR O'MALLEY: Second.

18 CHAIR JONES: There's a motion and a second.
19 All those in favor say yes.

20 MEMBERS: Yes.

21 CHAIR JONES: Opposed? Motion carries.
22 Last agenda item is Election of Officers. So we will
23 be electing two officers, a chair and a vice chair.
24 I open the floor for nominations for chair.
25 Councilor Sanchez.

1 COUNCILOR SANCHEZ: Thank you, Madam
2 Chairman. I would like to nominate Commissioner
3 Debbie O'Malley as chairman.

4 COUNCILOR PENA: Second.

5 COMMISSIONER QUEZADA: Second.

6 CHAIR JONES: Are there any other
7 nominations? Nominations will close then. I move --
8 I guess it's by acclamation.

9 COUNCILOR SANCHEZ: Second.

10 CHAIR JONES: All those in favor by
11 acclamation say yes.

12 MEMBERS: Yes.

13 CHAIR JONES: Motion carries.
14 Congratulations, Chairman O'Malley.

15 CHAIR O'MALLEY: Thank you very much.

16 (Applause)

17 CHAIR JONES: Next is vice chair. Are there
18 any nominations?

19 COMMISSIONER O'MALLEY: Madam Chair.

20 CHAIR JONES: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER O'MALLEY: I would like to
22 nominate Councilor Klarissa Pena for vice chair.

23 CHAIR JONES: Are there any other
24 nominations? Then I make a motion that Councilor
25 Pena be elected as vice chair by acclamation.

1 COMMISSIONER QUEZADA: Second.

2 CHAIR JONES: Motion and a second. All
3 those in favor say yes.

4 MEMBERS: Yes.

5 CHAIR JONES: Motion carries.

6 Congratulations, Ladies.

7 (Applause)

8 CHAIR JONES: And that is our last true
9 business of the evening, except for our usual
10 recognition.

11 COMMISSIONER O'MALLEY: So there is a gift
12 that we would like to give the Chair. Thank you for
13 serving as Chair this last year. And I get one too.

14 CHAIR JONES: Yes. And, Commissioner
15 O'Malley, here's a lovely gift for you for serving as
16 Vice Chair. Thank you for serving and look forward
17 to seeing you next year. And congratulations,
18 Councilor Pena.

19 With that, is there any other business? The
20 meeting is adjourned.

21 (Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.)

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