Minutes
City of Sacramento
Utilities Rate Advisory Commission

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Scott Brown	Douglas Brown, Vice Chair	Jeff Donlevy
	Kevin Schubert	

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New City Hall
915 I Street, 1st Floor – Council Chambers

February 2, 2012, 5:30 p.m.

The Utility Rate Advisory Commission is a commission of the City Council with review and recommendation authority. Its purpose is to review utility service rate proposals, develop recommendations on relevant issues regarding the setting of rates, hold rate hearings, and act as a liaison to the community to encourage understanding and participation.

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MINUTES

February 2, 2012

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

Call to Order – 5:38 p.m.

Roll Call **Present:** Jeff Donlevy, Kevin Schubert, Douglas Brown, Steven Archibald, Karen McBride, Scott Brown, Carolyn Veal-Hunter(arrived at 5:44 pm).
Absent: None

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.

1. Approval of Minutes for January 25, 2012.
Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Approve Commission minutes for January 25, 2012.

Contact: Holly Charléty, Senior Staff Assistant, (916) 808-7605 Department of Utilities.

Summary: Motion to approve by Douglas Brown, second by Scott Brown. All present in favor, none opposed.

Action: Minutes approved.

Discussion / Action Reports

Discussion or action reports include oral presentations including those recommending receive and file.

2. Title: Proposed Water and Wastewater Rates
Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Further discussion of proposed water and wastewater service rate increases and approval of recommendations to the City Council.

Contact: Dave Brent, Interim Director, (916) 808-1420, Department of Utilities.

Summary: Oral staff presentation given reporting back on items from January 25th meeting including review of staff draft accountability plan and run through of scenarios mentioned at the last meeting.

Public comments heard from Joshua Foster, Eric Smitt, Julie Berry, Gerald Lumley, Bill Grant, Mac Worthy, and Craig Powell.

Commission discussion regarding recommendation to bring forward to council regarding rate increases for water and wastewater. Motion by Carolyn Veal-Hunter to recommend rates as proposed by staff with conditions of (prior to adoption of rate increase) utilizing the revenue generated by the increase for the purpose intended, additional general fund tax revenue generated by the increase be used for establish and operate a low income

program, that the department establish and follow an accountability plan, motion seconded by Scott Brown.

Substitute motion by Jeff Donlevy to adjust original motion to a one year increase of water and wastewater of 8% and 7% respectively and support a low income program with the additional utilities general fund taxes generated, seconded by Kevin Schubert. Yes: Jeff Donlevy. No: Kevin Schubert, Douglas Brown, Steven Archibald, Karen McBride, Scott Brown and Carolyn Veal-Hunter. Motion fails.

Substitution motion by Kevin Schubert to adjust original motion to filter the addition revenue generated by the general fund tax back into the department for use on infrastructure and pay go, instead of a low income program, seconded by Jeff Donlevy. Yes: Jeff Donlevy, Kevin Schubert. No: Douglas Brown, Steven Archibald, Karen McBride, Scott Brown and Carolyn Veal-Hunter. Motion fails.

Original motion restated for the record. Yes: Kevin Schubert, Steven Archibald, Karen McBride, Scott Brown, Carolyn Veal-Hunter. No: Jeff Donlevy, Douglas Brown. Motion passes.

Action: Motion passed recommending rates as proposed by staff with conditions of creating an accountability plan including bi-annual updates to the commission, utilizing the revenue generated by the increase for the purpose intended, and additional taxes generated by the increase be earmarked for developing and running a low income program.

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

3. Public Comments heard from Mac Worthy.

Commission Ideas, Questions and Announcements

4. Commission clarification on dates to present to council. Staff currently has scheduled pass for publication on February 21st, adopting rates by ordinance, and Council hearing would be February 28th.

Adjournment - 8:17p.m.