

## **DWP/Neighborhood Council Meeting**

### **April 6, 2019**

### **Highlights**

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Ann Santilli, Chief Financial Officer, presented a report on the Preliminary 2019-2010 fiscal year DWP budget. Attendees voiced concerns of how the \$500M increase in labor costs will affect rates and how the decision as ordered by Mayor Garcetti not to repower the coastal, once-through-cooling units might affect rates. No definitive answers were forthcoming.

As significant matters under Section 2.1 of the Memorandum of Understanding between the neighborhood councils and the DWP, the NC representatives in attendance voted, without exception, to ask for regular updates on the costs and their effects on rates of:

- the 100% renewable energy goal,
- the retirement of the coastal generating stations, and
- the recycling of Hyperion wastewater for potable use.

Fred Pickel, Executive Director of the Office of Public Accountability and Ratepayer Advocate, gave a report on the *Interim Rate Review and Timeline*. The OPA will present its review of the proposed interim rates to the DWP Board on May 13, 2019, and the Board will act on any rate changes by July 1. (The Council can act to further review rates under Charter Section 245.) In general, the Board can approve base rate changes in a +/- 2% of existing base rates. Pass through rate components, such as costs of purchased power, are not under review. Changes outside the +/- 2% range must be approved by the Council and Mayor.

Without exception, the NC representatives in attendance voted to ask for additional reporting from DWP on:

- Pension funding,
- A simplified annual report, including historical data,
- A better description of litigation being considered by the DWP Board in closed session, and
- Analysis by the OPA of costs and benefits of DWP transactions with other City agencies.

Again, without exception, the NC reps in attendance voted to ask the NCs to consider, with respect to multi-beneficial projects to be initiated under County Measure W, a motion in support of the OPA conducting a financial analysis for each stormwater project involving DWP which will provide DWP and its ratepayers with a neutral analysis of the proposed expenditure and its benefits.