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MINUTES OF THE MOBILE HOME PARK SERVICE RATES COMMITTEE

The Mobile Home Park Service Rates Committee held a meeting at the District Office, 1072 Tico Road on December 6, 2011, beginning at 10:07 a.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Stan Greene
Russ Baggerly
William C. Murphy, Chairman

STAFF PRESENT: Jeff Palmer, General Manager
Brenda Krout, Administrative Officer
Ronald E. Sheets, Operations Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Zirbel, District Legal Counsel

1. **Public Comment - (Items not on the agenda - 3 minute limit)**

None

2. **Draft Sewer Flow Study Report**

Mr. Palmer reviewed the results of the sewer flow study conducted by the District in areas within the District where some Mobile Home Parks and standard residential areas are located. Mr. Palmer shared his conclusions based on these results:

- Subsidy program would be the only way to offer a special rate for seniors
- Methods to reduction rates for mobile home parks:
 - Reduce fixture unit count
 - Install flow meters
 - Monitor water use

These conclusions were discussed. Mr. Palmer stated that his recommendation is that the lowest cost and most efficient rate structure and collection method is what the District is doing now. Mr. Palmer noted that although we all sympathize with the issues, we must be concerned with managing the costs effectively for the entire District; the costs involved in customizing rates may result in increasing the rates for all customers.

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District Legal Counsel, Mr. Zirbel, commented that the proportionality requirements in Proposition 218 would need to be closely reviewed for any change in the rate structure.

It was agreed that the results of the flow study and staff's report on the results will be presented to the Board.

The Committee unanimously supported presenting a recommendation to the Board to take no action on changing or modifying the District's current rate structure.

It was agreed that Mr. Palmer will meet with the mobile home park representatives to explain the Committee's conclusions and recommendation.

3. **Discussion**

- a. Audience
None
- b. Committee Members
None
- c. General Manager
None

The Mobile Home Park Service Rates Committee Meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Brenda Krout, Clerk of the Board