



## **MINUTES GLENDALE WATER & POWER COMMISSION**

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### **VIA TELECONFERENCE**

**Monday, February 07, 2022, 4:00 PM**

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, social distancing requirements, and health recommendations from LA County Public Health Department, this meeting was conducted remotely. All GWP Commission members and staff utilized video conferencing in order to virtually participate in the meeting.

#### **1. ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m.

Present: President Flanigan, Commissioners Jazmadarian, Kedikian, and Lall

Absent: Commissioner Peterson

#### **2. CONSENT ITEMS**

##### **a. Approval of the minutes for the following meetings:**

- **August 2, 2021**
- **October 4, 2021**

The Commission unanimously approved the aforementioned minutes as published.

#### **3. GWP COMMISSION/STAFF COMMENTS**

Commissioner Kedikian commended GWP staff and the consultants that worked on the Grayson Repowering and Scholl Biogas projects for their hard work. President Flanigan echoed the same statement.

Commissioner Lall commented on an article from the Los Angeles Times regarding examination of the increasing demand projected on our electrical system as a result of increasing temperatures due to climate change. Ms. Lall will email the article to all commissioners for their feedback.

Michael De Ghetto, Chief Assistant General Manager - Water, requested to adjourn the meeting in memory of GWP employee, Frank Williams, Water Systems Supervisor II, who recently passed away. Mr. Williams was a valued City employee for 37 years, and worked in the Water Section at the Utility Operations Center (Yard).

#### **4. ACTION ITEMS**

##### **a. GWP Commission Election (President and Secretary)**

President Flanigan made a motion to postpone the elections until the next GWP Commission Meeting on March 7, 2022 so that all GWP Commissioners can be present. Commissioner Kedikian seconded the motion, and the motion was moved by President Flanigan.

## **5. REPORTS - INFORMATION**

### **a. Water Conservation Update**

Michael De Ghetto, Chief Assistant General Manager - Water, provided a water conservation update covering Glendale's water resources, and adapting to climate change; precipitation tracking which the public can view on the California Department of Water Resources website. Glendale is always in Phase I conservation where the "No water waste" rules are always in effect; Mr. De Ghetto listed those restrictions. GWP is currently in Phase III of its Water Conservation Ordinance (residents and businesses can water twice a week on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Mr. De Ghetto discussed the types of use (most of it residential), and smart ratemaking (with each Phase of mandatory water conservation, there is a drought charge which covers fixing water mains and prevention for large rate hikes in the future). GWP continues to include water saving tips on its website, commercial and residential water rebates and drought tolerant landscaping information, in addition to advertising the water conservation programs. Information on climate appropriate landscaping (residents and businesses can get information on the City's website for water saving and landscaping tips), and outreach and enforcement items were summarized.

Mr. De Ghetto responded to questions raised by Commissioners Jazmadarian, Kedikian, Lall and President Flanigan as to how much excess recycled water Glendale is producing, the possibility of using it and what the cost would be to do that, and the discussion of storm water capture to recharge the Verdugo Basin (Commissioner Jazmadarian); the difference and benefits between grey water and non-permitted grey water (Commissioner Kedikian); when is the City looking at more extreme cuts in water usage due to the large variation from the State Water Project such as serious impacts on water storage (Commissioner Lall), and when the drought charge takes effect (President Flanigan).

### **b. Water System Asset Management**

Michael De Ghetto, Chief Assistant General Manager - Water, presented GWP's Water System Asset Management program. Mr. De Ghetto outlined key points such as the Asset Life Cycle; Capital Improvement Program; Water System CIP; Water Master Plan which was completed in 2015 (a roadmap for future work and budgeting on current and future projects). He summarized the rates of implementation, annual budgets; budgets by group (the emphasis being on pipeline replacements at various facilities and plants, and annual programs like hydrant and valve replacements). Mr. De Ghetto went over the Pipeline Management Program addressing the upgrades needed for the City's aging pipelines. Several projects completed were highlighted such as the Foothill Well Rehabilitation, the Glendale Heights Tank Replacement, pump station upgrades and site improvements (e.g. Brand Reservoir Slope Repair); the annual rehabilitation and replacement to service various lines, meters and fire hydrants.

Mr. De Ghetto responded to questions raised by Commissioner Lall as to how reservoir site improvements are examined (e.g. wildlife such as coyotes and nesting birds) before site demolitions are undertaken, and how does changing the size of the pipes affect a resident's water pressure? President Flanigan commended Mr. De Ghetto on his presentation.

## **6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

## **7. AGENDA FORECAST**

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the agenda for the Meeting in March. Commissioner Kedikian asked when the Water Cost of Service Analysis (COSA) update will be made. Mr. De Ghetto stated that it would be in approximately two years. Mr. Flanigan requested a Clean Energy Programs Update.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to Adjourn:

Moved by: Commissioner Kedikian

Seconded by: Commissioner Lall

Motion Passed.

Commissioners Kedikian and Lall expressed their condolences on the passing of City employee, Frank Williams, as well as expressed gratitude for his work at the City of Glendale. The meeting was adjourned in memory of Frank Williams.

Meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.