Neighborhood Councils - Department of Water and Power Memorandum of Understanding Oversight Committee

Special Meeting Agenda Saturday, August 5, 2017, 8:45 a.m. Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, John Ferraro Building, A Level Conference Rooms 111 North Hope Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Courtesy parking in the DWP lot, entrance off Hope Street

- 1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks (Tony Wilkinson, Chair, 818-785-9355, lawilkinson@acm.org) [2m]
- 2. Self-Introductions of Participants and Guests (Please sign the sign-in sheet!) [3m]
- Announcement that meetings of the NC-DWP MOU Oversight Committee and Jack Humphreville's DWP (Advocacy) Committee are regularly held at LADWP headquarters, 111 North Hope Street, Los Angeles 90012 at 8:45 am on the first Saturday of the month (MOU in even numbered months, DWPC in odd numbered months). The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) meeting follows at 10:00 am at the same location. [1m]
- 4. LADWP General Manager David Wright will discuss the recently approved labor agreement, non-rate elements of the agreement that may not have been covered in the press, and possible areas of mutual interest that may be considered with the Department's labor partners through the meet and confer process. [25m]
- 5. Delon Kwan, Manager of Water Resources Development, will discuss the long pending proposal by private landowners (Cadiz, Inc.) to pump groundwater in the Mojave Desert and sell it to Southern California cities. The plan was recently strongly opposed by the Board of Water and Power Commissioners. [15m]

http://www.desertsun.com/story/news/environment/2017/08/02/companys-plan-sell-mojave-desert-groundwater-opposed-l-a-water-officials/531751001/

6. Office of Public Accountability: Ratepayer Advocate Dr. Frederick H. Pickel (213-978-0220, fred.pickel@lacity.org) will present a high level overview of the current status of the California Water Fix (the 35 mile long twin tunnels under the Bay Delta previously known as the Bay Delta Conservation Plan). [20m]

The OPA / RPA plays a key role in DWP governance by providing independent expert analysis of DWP rates, operations and plans. The Ratepayer Advocate's website can be found at: http://opa.lacity.org/

- 7. Tony Wilkinson and Jack Humphreville will outline the process of the Department's response to the City Council motion (CF 16-0243) asking that LADWP initiate a research partnership to determine the feasibility of achieving 100 percent renewable energy. An advisory panel met for the first time on August 2. [5m]
- 8. Member input on neighborhood council concerns regarding DWP issues. [6m]
- 9. Public Comment and Announcements (Please limit to two minutes per speaker.) [4m]
- 10. Adjournment: BEFORE 10:00 a.m.

The MOU is a formal "best efforts" agreement for information sharing, mutual notice, and education. The agreement is currently administered by the office of **Joseph Ramallo**, Assistant General Manager, Communications, Marketing, and Community Affairs. Neighborhood Councils should send all notices and the names of their DWP MOU Representatives to the head of the NC Outreach team, Stephanie Spicer (213-367-1314, **stephanie.spicer@ladwp.com**), with a copy to Tony Wilkinson (**lawilkinson@acm.org**) and Jack Humphreville (**JackH@targetmediapartners.com**).