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ENERGY AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OCTOBER 18, 2006

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman McNelly called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Adamson, Avera, McNelly, Mitchell, Roberts

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mathy, McCormack, Twineham

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Acting Senior Planner Allen; Maintenance Director Bob

Savage, and Clerical Support Norton.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of June 21, 2006 and July 19, 2006 approved as

written.

INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Old Business:

a. Status update on follow-up to prior discussions on green waste and school recycling programs.

Green Waste Program – Staff and MG Disposal agreed that the best way to re-launch the Green Waste Program would be by educating the landscapers. Business Registration compiled a list for Staff of every business that falls into the landscaping category. Staff plans to draft a letter to let them know about the City's Green Waste Program.

Chairman McNelly said that for the Green Waste Program the City would still want to contact single family households. Committee Member Roberts inquired if there is anything that Realtors could distribute to new owners. Staff answered that when people call in to have their water turned on information about City programs is given out at that time.

School Recycler Program - MG prepared a level breakdown; however the information, as presented, was still not clear as to the exact amount that the schools are receiving.

Staff said it is her understanding that without the grant, the schools receive a portion of the material value. The grant covers the load charge and the remainder goes back to the schools. Chairman McNelly said more clarification is needed as to exactly how much money the school receives from the program. He asked if Staff could provide the original agreement in order to

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clear up lingering questions.

Chairman McNelly suggested that the Committee take a more aggressive approach toward reeducating the public. He considered the idea of placing an article about the Green Waste program in the Fullerton Observer.

New Business:

b. Update on sewer infrastructure upgrades.

Committee Member Roberts congratulated the Department of Maintenance Services on having no private or public sewer overflows during the month of September. Chairman McNelly passed out a Sewage Spill Reference Guide to the Committee. The guide is the third version that has been published. The first publication was limited only to the Orange County Sanitation District boundary, the second publication was taken over by the Pollution Prevention Group of the Health Care Agency in Environmental Health and used as part of their Public Relations campaign; the third publication has been updated for county-wide use. Chairman McNelly suggested that Maintenance keep their trucks stocked with the publication and make it available to the public as part of our Public Relations Program.

Bob Savage reported that on September 5, 2005 the sewer fee was passed by the City Council and billing went into effect in January 2006. An \$8.4 million dollar per year revenue is anticipated from that fee. In order to complete the sewer upgrades Maintenance increased their staff.

The department has made positive progress in the number of overflows. Overflows per year have averaged 26 in the past, this year that number is down to five per year. Of the 8.4 million dollars revenue anticipated, \$1.8 million will go to operations, and the balance would go to capital improvement programs for design, rehab, and replacement of varying systems.

Maintenance has 60% of the \$1.5 million lineal feet of sewer mains now on video/DVD so that damaged area can readily be detected. There is approximately \$135 million dollars worth of sewer damage. In trying to spend the money wisely, Maintenance will target streets that are already torn up for other repairs, and take that opportunity to repair or replace sewer lines before the street is repaved.

The following is a list of projects that have been completed.

Lemon Street - A needed section of sewer line was replaced.

Rosslynn Avenue - A compressed line that runs along the Fullerton Creek Channel was repaired and boring is now in progress to reroute the line to another manhole and abandon the old section.

State College - Relocated a man hole to change the flow from traffic, and to provide easier access to the area. The cost for these projects was about \$2.4 million.

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Delores and Margarita – replaced eight hundred lineal feet of 8" sewer main at a cost of \$180,000 dollars completed by Boyle Engineering, an outside contractor, who will be used for replacement/rehab and point repairs at various locations throughout the city.

Leland and Grandview –This project will soon get underway and is expected to cost \$1.5 million.

SOCO area – PBS & J a San Diego based company has been hired to do mini modeling; a possible redesign of the 12" main line to accommodate new development in that area.

Bob Savage said that he intends to redo the old Master Plan to make it more useable. The current plan was completed in 1975. The State of California has passed a state-wide waste discharge requirement almost identical to the one Region 8 enforces. The only differences are in the reporting requirements. Available now to agencies is a centralized on-line reporting system.

Chairman McNelly stated that it appears Region 8 will be rescinding their local order once the new order goes into effect. The regulatory board of each organization falls under the State-wide Water District Region must become more involved in approving these milestones and make sure that City Council signs off.

Chairman Roberts asked if more money would be needed to complete the sewer upgrade, and if so how much more. Director Savage stated that he projected a \$6.6 million per year expenditure prior to starting, with inflation of 2-3% per year and the City has 20 years to complete the project. He anticipates that the sewer fee at some rate would be continued to cover the cost of repairing and replacing other areas that have deteriorated over those 20 years.

ACTION ITEMS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

COMMITTEE/STAFF COMMENTS:

Committee Member Roberts brought up the question of how should public easements on private property be handled. Chairman McNelly stated that Committee Member Roberts brought up a good point; that subject is becoming an issue county-wide. Many of the easements are difficulty to access because of their location. The Water District has placed easements on a watch list so that a negotiated agreement for maintenance can be reached with property owners.

Chairman McNelly noted that he has extra Green Pages if needed and reminded Committee Members to let Staff know of anything that they would like to place on the next agenda for discussion.

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Staff mentioned that she is getting more and more calls related to the Green Pages. Mostly questions about recyclables.

The next ERMC meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2006

ADJOURN:

With no further business the meeting was ADJOURNED AT: 8:15 a.m.

Beverly Norton, Clerical Support