



Environmental Services Commission Notes

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Zoom Meeting

April 7, 2022

Director Slevin started the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

Commission Members Present: **Esther Beaumier, Emily Hall, Rachel Laitila, *Bruce Martin, Jeff Paradise, Eric Sachs, and Wayne Wooster.

Commission Members Absent: Matthew Benedict, Marty Campbell, **Richard Doenges, Ken Howes, Frankie Johnson, Grant Middleton, Deanna Seaman, and Janette Simon.

Welcome

Director Mike Slevin welcomed everyone to the meeting, noting a lack of a quorum. Informal discussion ensued regarding the following:

LIHWAP Overview

Francis Artis, Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU) Customer Service Assistant Manager, provided an overview of the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP).

2021 Year End Financial Results

Christina Curran, ES Rates & Budget, reviewed 2021 Financial Results, changes from 2020 to 2021 from Solid Waste and Sewer. She stated staff is working on 2023-2024 baseline now and will report back to the Commission on June 9th, and on July 14th staff will present recommended budget proposals.

Overview of Wastewater Management

Hugh Messer, ES Operations & Maintenance Division Manager, provided an overview of wastewater management, including the wastewater comprehensive plan, nutrient removal, and treatment plant projects.

Overview of Stormwater Management

John Burk, Science & Engineering Division Manager, provided an overview of stormwater management, including the organizational structure, 2021 accomplishments, asset management, planning efforts and facility projects, the collection system, green infrastructure, open space, stormwater management, environmental cleanups, and street sweeping.

Overview of Solid Waste Management

Andy Torres, Solid Waste Management Assistant Division Manager, provided an overview of solid waste management, including the budget, facilities, and recent accomplishments.

Overview of OEPS

Jim Parvey, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability (OEPS) Division Manager, provided and overview of the department, including recent accomplishments.

*Alternate Commission Member; **Non-voting Commission Member

Adjournment

The meeting ended at 5:47 p.m.

