



UPPER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

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AGENDA
WATER POLICY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, March 23, 2011 – 5:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Charles M. Treviño (Chairman)
Bill Robinson

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Public Comment.
2. Discussion Regarding Resolution No. 4-11-493 Initiating Proceedings for the Establishment of a Water Availability or Standby Charge for Fiscal Year 2011/12. *(Staff recommendation enclosed.)*
3. Other Matters.
4. Adjournment.

NEXT MEETING: To be determined.

cc: Board of Directors
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MEMORANDUM

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ITEM 2.

DATE: March 17, 2011
TO: Water Policy Committee
FROM: General Manager
SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution No. 4-11-493 Initiating Proceedings for the Establishment of a Water Availability or Standby Charge for Fiscal Year 2011-12

Recommendation

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 4-11-493.
2. Schedule a public hearing on June 7, 2011.
3. Instruct the General Manager to publish and mail notice of the hearing as required by statute.

Background

Since Fiscal Year 1992-93, the Upper District has utilized revenues generated from a water availability standby charge to fund its water conservation and water recycling program capital budgets. That charge was originally established at \$10 per acre for parcels of land within the District boundaries. The standby charge remained at \$10 per acre for eleven years and was reduced to \$8 per acre by the Board on May 11, 2004.

Pursuant to Water Code Section 71638, the Board must conduct a public hearing to consider reauthorizing the standby charge each year for the charge to continue in the subsequent fiscal year. For Fiscal Year 2010-11 the combined water conservation and water recycling capital projects budget was adopted at \$30,164,000. Standby charge revenues are currently being utilized to fund the approved Fiscal Year 2010-11 capital project program.

For Fiscal Year 2011-12, the combined water conservation and water recycling program budgets is estimated to be approximately \$18 million. If the standby charge is reauthorized for Fiscal Year 2011-12 at a rate of \$8 per acre, approximately \$1.7 million in revenue will be generated for the year. That revenue will be utilized to fund the approved capital project budget for Fiscal Year 2011-12.

Attached is Resolution No. 4-11-493 that initiates proceedings for the consideration of a water availability standby charge for Fiscal Year 2011-12. The resolution also establishes June 7, 2011 as the public hearing date for the Board to receive comments from all interested parties regarding the proposed reauthorization of the water availability standby charge for Fiscal Year 2011-12.

Attachment

1 would allow implementation of necessary projects benefiting the entire Upper District service
2 area; and

3 WHEREAS, information secured from the County of Los Angeles shows estimated
4 revenues to be received from a water standby or availability of service charge of \$8.00 (Eight
5 Dollars) per acre of land or \$8.00 (Eight Dollars) for each parcel of land less than an acre, would
6 be approximately \$1,680,000.00 (One Million Six Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars); and

7 WHEREAS, in order to fix such a charge by Ordinance pursuant to Water Code Sections
8 71638, et seq., it is necessary to set forth by resolution the schedule of the proposed charges and
9 give notice of a public hearing; and

10 WHEREAS, the Interim General Manager and staff believe the proposed recommendation
11 is fair, proper and necessary in order to fund the foregoing programs within the existing service
12 area of the District.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
14 UPPER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT as follows:

15 Section 1. In accordance with applicable law, a public hearing is hereby set to receive
16 public comment on the implementation of a water standby or availability of service charge on all
17 lands within the Upper District. Said public hearing shall be conducted at the **Upper San Gabriel**
18 **Valley Municipal Water District Office, 11310 E. Valley Boulevard, El Monte, California on**
19 **June 7, 2011 at the hour of 6:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard for the
20 purpose of considering the adoption of an Ordinance fixing a Water Availability Standby Charge
21 on or before the third (3rd) Monday of August, 2011; pursuant to the Water Code Sections 71638,
22 et seq.

23 Section 2. The imposition of such a charge for Fiscal Year 2011-12 is \$8.00 (Eight
24 Dollars) per acre of land, or \$8.00 (Eight Dollars) per parcel of land less than one acre within the
25 boundaries of the Upper District.

26 Section 3. The General Manager/Secretary of the Upper District is hereby directed to
27 cause due notice of the public hearing to be given in compliance with the applicable state law.

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1 Section 4. The General Manager shall cause a written Engineer's Report to be prepared
2 and filed with the Secretary of the Upper District and made available for public review on or
3 before May 9, 2011. Said report shall be designed to provide the Board and the public with
4 information describing the benefits which create the basis for water standby or availability of
5 service charges as described herein.

6 Section 5. The General Manager shall cause any and all necessary acts to occur so as to
7 implement this Resolution and conduct the Upper District's public hearing on the proposed water
8 standby or availability of service charge.

9 PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of April, 2011.

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