



Agenda Report

January 14, 2002

To: City Council

From: William A. Sullivan
Chair, Utility Advisory Commission

Subject: **Utility Advisory Commission Annual Report and Workplan**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council approve the Utility Advisory Commission Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2002.

Background

Attached for your review and approval is the Annual Report and Workplan as required by Ordinance Number 6229.

Fiscal Impact

The attached is for information only. There is no fiscal impact.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. SULLIVAN
Chair
Utility Advisory Commission

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Annual Report and Workplan Fiscal Year July 2000 to June 2001

A. INTRODUCTION

This report is structured in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Pasadena Municipal Code, Section 2.140. A list of the major activities of the Utility Advisory Commission ("UAC"), with the attendance record of each Commissioner, is included.

	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Excused Absence</u>
Joseph Feinblatt	8	1
Vince Farhat	6	3
Donald Garrett	9	
Jeanette Henderson	6	3
Sam Southard	6	3
Victor Veysey	1	5
William A. Sullivan	7	2
Brian Russell	6	3
Sandra Ell ¹	6	1

B. Major Activities

1. In accordance with the provisions of the Pasadena Municipal Code, Section 2.140.060, the UAC nominated and elected Don Garrett as Chair and Vince Farhat as Vice Chair.
2. Following the provisions of the Pasadena Municipal Code, Section 2.140.070, the UAC conducted Regular Monthly Meetings, and Special Meetings, as necessary, in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act.
3. In accordance with the provisions of the Pasadena Municipal Code, Section 2.140.080, the UAC rules and regulations were not changed.
4. The UAC, in accordance with its charter, did the following relative to the Pasadena Water and Power Department:
 - a. Electricity
 - i. Closely followed developments in the evolving energy crisis, including legislative updates, potential energy shortages and the impact on PWP

¹ Appointed July 2000

customers, energy sales to ISO and alternative energy sources, including the Magnolia Project.

- ii. Considered the current and future uses of the PWP power generation resources; reviewed initial efforts toward developing a Strategic Resources Plan; followed developments in the overhaul of the B-2 plant.
- iii. Received quarterly, rather than annual, reports on the financial status of the PWP, with special focus on Stranded Investment and ECAC.
- iv. Kept abreast of PWP performance against national norms and standards.
- v. Followed developments in customer relations matters, including BPC, the Communications Plan and collection policies.

b. Water

- i. Followed compliance measures to meet water quality standards, especially for contaminants of concern; considered California Department of Health Services audit results and suggestions re staffing for compliance; reviewed efforts being made to be ready for increased compliance requirements due to regulatory changes.
- ii. Reviewed progress of pipe replacement project.
- iii. Reviewed status of Reclaimed Water situation, evaluating the fiscal feasibility of proceeding with use of available water.
- iv. Two members of the UAC participated as members of the Hamamonga Committee with special attention being paid to the proposed increase in spreading basin acreage and the impact of the groundwater contamination and remediation project being conducted in the immediate vicinity.

C. Workplan for Fiscal Year 2001-2002

The UAC will continue to work with the Municipal Services Committee, the City Council and Water and Power Department staff concerning:

1. The anticipated Strategic Plan for PWP;
2. Implementation of the Strategic Resources Plan and the Rate Restructuring Plan;
3. Financial matters such as budget and results, PWP's Business Plan, cost of service studies, ECAC rate and fund balance and ISO debt;
4. Performance of PWP units against national and industry standards and benchmarks;

5. Evaluation of the water supply situation in Pasadena, including sources of supply (including Conjunctive Use of the Raymond Basin), water quality/security, refurbishment of the water distribution infrastructure and use of reclaimed water and advising as required (which will entail a report from an ad hoc committee of the commission); and
6. Implementation of the Hahamongna Park Plan insofar as it impacts water supply and storage.