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Utility Commission Regular Meeting

April 21, 2026 6:30pm

Folsom City Hall | City Council Chambers | 50 Natoma Street, Folsom CA 95630

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	L.Ladd, A.McBride, M.Menz, A.Silva, T.Widby	
ABSENT:	H.Elkhatab	
STAFF PRESENT:	Marcus Yasutake	Utilities Director
	Marie McKeeth	General Services Manager
	Emma Atkinson	Sr Management Analyst

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes of the March 17, 2026, Regular Meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Widby, second by Commissioner Silva to approve the Minutes of the March 17, 2026, regular meeting. Motion passed by the following roll-call vote:

AYES:	Commissioners Ladd, McBride, Menz, Silva, Widby
ABSENT:	Commissioner Elkhatab

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- The City is celebrating its 80th birthday on May 9, from 10-2 at Lions Park, where the Utilities department will provide relevant educational information, and host carnival games along with other City departments and community groups. There will also be food vendors, raffle prizes and a dunk tank.

- The posting for the Associate/Senior Engineer position is closing at the end of the month. The position was posted in conjunction with vacancies for similar positions in Community Development and in Public Works. Applications have not yet been reviewed.
- Within the next few weeks, Utilities Department staff currently based at City Hall will be moving across the road to 1 Natoma Street, where we will be sharing the building with the Police Department. The move will provide space to allow for filling current vacant positions in the engineering division.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Waste and Recycling Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Operating Budget

Marie McKeeth provided a presentation showing the proposed fiscal year 2026-27 budget for Waste & Recycling and Fleet and responded to questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Menz asked about purchasing additional vehicles due to the increase in population. McKeeth stated that as we had retained vehicles because of ACF, the fleet has already increased in size, but purchasing for use south of 50 is the reason that impact fees can be used.

Commissioner Widby asked about the standard age/mileage for vehicles to be replaced. McKeeth responded that this varies based on the type of vehicle. The most common is the side loader, which runs for about 7 years. We tend to run them for longer, but we currently have a quite healthy fleet. If we keep deferring purchasing, the fleet will age, but a lot of the current vehicles were purchased before ACF became effective.

Commissioner Menz commented on needing 2 electric vehicles to complete the work of one diesel. McKeeth stated that Folsom had to cancel its orders for electric garbage trucks. She has not seen evidence of an electric truck completing a route, so it is still hypothetical until jurisdictions have used the trucks; private haulers are not subject to ACF regulations.

Commissioners were informed that the presentation would be shared by email to allow for a more detailed review of the proposed budget and adjustments.

2. Water and Wastewater Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Operating and Capital Budget

Director Yasutake provided a presentation showing the proposed fiscal year 2026-2027 budget for Water and Sewer and responded to questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Menz asked about some specifics of the proposed Irrigation Tune-Up program. Director Yasutake responded that the program has not yet been developed.

Commissioner McBride asked what 'a decision packet' means. Director Yasutake explained that this is how the department requests a one-time increase to a line item's base budget.

Commissioner Menz asked what costs are charged to 'Dues and Publications'. Director Yasutake provided various examples, including membership dues for various associations like RWA, ACWA, CVPWA, and the Water Forum.

Commissioner Menz asked about the amount budgeted for PERS compared to that budgeted for salaries for permanent staff. Director Yasutake will request an explanation from Finance.

In reference to the Tank Rehabilitation Projects, Commissioner Widby asked about the cause of deterioration. Director Yasutake responded that it is thought that, as deterioration is above the water line, chlorine gas is affecting the paint, resulting in a point of failure. To mitigate, a mixer-blower system will be installed at all tank sites.

In reference to the Communications Hardware Upgrade Projects, Commissioner Menz asked whether control systems would be hardwired or wireless, and if a security analysis is being completed. Director Yasutake responded that options, including cellular, are being evaluated. There is a protocol in place; a consultant has identified requirements for security measures for any external consultant working on the controls. There is also our own protection within the City system handled by our IS team.

Commissioner Widby asked if the WTP Caustic Soda Project is a result of the pinhole leaks. Director Yasutake responded that the project is based on the suggestion of the WTP Manager and consequent analysis by a consultant. It is beneficial for corrosion control but is not a result of the pinhole investigation.

3. 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan

Director Yasutake presented introductory information related to the City's 2025 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) and Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP). More details will be shared with the Utility Commission during the meeting in May.

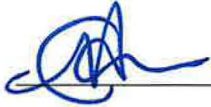
NEXT MEETING

Chair Menz advised that the next meeting will be on May 19, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Emma Atkinson, Sr. Management Analyst

Approved:



Mark Menz, Utility Commission Chair