



County of Los Alamos

Council Meeting Staff Report

August 16, 2017

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Presenters:	Jeff Johnson
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Title

Planning for Upcoming Board of Public Utilities Annual Boards & Commissions Presentation to Council on September 19th, 2017

Recommended Action

None

Staff Recommendation

None

Body

On September 19th, the Board of Public Utilities is scheduled to give its annual Boards & Commissions presentation to Council. This meeting will be a joint meeting with Council and the BPU. The agenda will be a presentation of 2017 DPU / BPU initiatives and actions, a discussion about funding options for the White Rock Wastewater Treatment Plant and a discussion about the merits of a commodity based rates structure vs. a fixed rate structure for potable water.

During the 2015 Board Self-evaluation, the Board agreed that the entire Board should be more involved in the development and annual presentation to Council, and a rehearsal presentation should also be done prior to the Chair's presentation. In preparation for the upcoming presentation, the Board should discuss with the Chair possible topics for the presentation.

The following DPU and BPU actions will be discussed with council on 9/19/17:

- Roll-out of the Utility App
- Continuation of the water meter replacement project
- Start of the smart meter implementation effort
- Implementation of the Financial Policy throughout the utilities
 - including significant BPU/DPU discussion about long range strategies for water distribution/production and recommendation of a rate increase structure to fulfill the requirements of the Financial Policy
 - Significant discussions about rate strategies for the waste treatment utility as well as discussions about cost effective options and strategies for replacing the White Rock Waste Treatment facility
- Completion of the Western area waterline replacement project
- Successful receipt of a FEMA grant for LA Reservoir road repair and non-potable water line installation

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- Started well replacement project, the 1st such effort in LAC history
 - Development of Implementation Plan for the FER recommendations to meet the 2040 carbon neutral goal, including development of a Draft and Final Integrated Resource Plan
 - Restart of the El Vado and Abiquiu Hydro plants

Other BPU input?

Attached are the Guidelines for the 2017-2018 B&C Presentations.

Alternatives

None

Fiscal and Staff Impact

None

Attachments

A - Guidelines for 2017-2018 B&C Presentations