



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

Agenda Item Number: 4

Agenda Date: May 24, 2022

In Control: Municipal Utilities Committee Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Finance Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

SAWS 2022 Rate Advisory Committee

SUMMARY:

The Chair of SAWS Rate Advisory Committee will provide a briefing on the committee's progress to-date and path forward.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

SAWS periodically undertakes a rate study to ensure that the rates charged adhere to cost of service principals and reflect utility and community objectives. The rate study is conducted with the assistance of a national rate consultant and the SAWS Rate Advisory Committee ("RAC"), a special purpose advisory committee appointed by the SAWS Board of Trustees.

In February 2022, the SAWS Board of Trustees ("SAWS Board") appointed 21 members to the 2022 RAC and named Frances Gonzalez as the RAC Chair. In accordance with the 2022 RAC Bylaws approved by the SAWS Board, the RAC is to provide rate design recommendations to the SAWS Board of Trustees for water, wastewater and recycled water service. These recommendations shall be designed to fully recover the revenue requirements identified in the Cost of Service analysis performed by SAWS rate consultant, Carollo Engineers, Inc. ("Carollo").

The RAC has met 5 times beginning in February 2022 and is expected to have 3 more meetings by June 30, 2022. Carollo will issue a final report on the RAC's recommendations which will be presented to the SAWS Board in August 2022 for their consideration. Any rate design recommendations approved by the SAWS Board will be presented to City Council in late December 2022 for their consideration with an expected effective date of January 1, 2023.

ISSUE:

Briefing by the Chair of SAWS Rate Advisory Committee on the committee's progress to-date and path forward.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for briefing purposes only