

# **Willowbank County Service Area Advisory Committee**

**Meeting of March 15, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.**

**Multipurpose Room at the Marguerite Montgomery Elementary School  
at 1441 Danbury Avenue, Davis, CA**

## **AGENDA**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. INTRODUCTIONS**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 2016 MEETING**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT** - This agenda item is for public comments on any subject not related to an agenda item.

**5. MEMBER COMMENT** - This agenda item is for Committee member comments on any subject not related to an agenda item.

**6. COUNTY REPORT** - Supervisor Jim Provenza will outline how he would like to obtain neighborhood input on concerns and preferences for garbage and organic waste removal services upon the termination of the County's new agreement with Davis Waste Removal in 2019. Supervisor Provenza will also introduce Beth Gabor, Manager of Operations and Strategy in the County Administrator's Office, who is now providing administrative support to all the County Service Areas.

**7. COMMUNITY CHOICE ENERGY (CCE)** - Lautaro "Taro" Echiburu, Director of the County Department of Planning, Public Works & Environmental Services, will discuss Community Choice Energy, also known as Community Choice Aggregation. CCE allows local governments to pool the electricity demands of their communities, purchase power with higher renewable content, lower greenhouse gas emissions and reinvest in local infrastructure. If Yolo County moves forward with CCE, it will purchase electricity on your behalf – from sources that are cleaner, greener and more local. This would offer residents in Willowbank (and other unincorporated areas of Yolo County) or the City of Davis. PG&E would continue to deliver the electricity from the grid to your home, maintain the power lines, read your meter and send you a single, consolidated bill. The only change would be an opportunity to choose between different energy options at rates that are competitive and possibly cheaper than what PG&E offers.

**8. WATER SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING WITH CITY OF DAVIS** – Last September our neighbor Paul Brady sent a letter to Mayor Robb Davis regarding the City's water rates. In January a

similar letter was published by The Davis Enterprise. In short, Mr. Brady believes that the City's water rates should be reduced by up to 30% to take into account the City's significant cost savings that have been or will be realized by the City. He contends that the savings result from the unexpected low interest rate loan the City obtained for its share of the surface water project's capital costs, savings that are or will be realized by the shutdown of many of the City's intermediate-depth wells and UCD's decision to take about 15% of the City's river water and pay about 10% of its project costs. Because the City's water rates are central to the evaluation of any irrigation water project for Willowbank, Supervisor Jim Provenza arranged a January 11, 2017 meeting with the City to discuss its reaction to Paul Brady's letter. The meeting was attended by City Manager Dirk Brazil, City Public Works Director Bob Clarke, Supervisor Provenza, Beth Gabor and Kent Calfee and John Cooluris as members of the Water Subcommittee. At the meeting Mr. Clarke stated that Mr. Brady's inquiry warrants the City's review of its water rates. That process may begin as soon as this month. While Mr. Clarke made it clear that it is too soon to conclude whether there would be any decrease in water rates, he believed that any rate decrease would likely affect the 2018 and 2019 rates.

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Water rate study being undertaken by the City of Davis.**

**10. NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, May 17, 2017**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

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**John Cooluris, Chair**