

MEMORANDUM TO VENICE CITY COUNCIL

THROUGH CHARTER OFFICER: Edward Lavallee, City Manager E-SIGN:

FROM: Javier A. Vargas, MPA, Utilities Director

DEPARTMENT: Utilities Department

DATE: April 27, 2023 **MEETING DATE**: May 9, 2023

SUBJECT / TOPIC: Utility Rate Stakeholders' Work Group

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Utilities Department is currently working on a five-year Financial Plan and schedule of rates with the goal of recovering the costs associated with the provision of water, wastewater and reclaimed water services. As part of this financial plan, the Department brought before City Council Resolution 2023-04. This resolution, to form a Utility Rate Stakeholders' Work Group to assist City staff and consultants with reviewing utility rates throughout the city, was approved by Council on January 24, 2023. Membership of this work group was approved with nine members. However, due to lack of volunteers and previous members' personal commitments, retirement, etc., the Department has only been able to confirm five of the previous nine members.

In order to move forward with the completion of the financial plan and conduct business under quorum rules, we would like to request approval of a new resolution that would change the numbers of members from nine to five.

SUPPORTS STRATEGIC PLAN: Goal Three: Ensure a Fiscally Sound City

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED: For Council Adoption by Motion

The Utilities Department requests Council's approval to change the number of members of the Utility Rate Stakeholders' Working Group from nine to five through the attached resolution.

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