

## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Sandy City Council

From: Don Milne, Chairman

Public Utilities Advisory Board

Date: May 21, 2019

Re: Recommendation for Public Utilities Budget 2019-2020

During the month of April, the Public Utilities Advisory Board reviewed the FY 2019-2020 Public Utilities Budgets covering Water, Storm Water, and Street Lighting services. All of the Board's questions or concerns have been addressed.

The Board recognizes the need for rate increases over the next ten years to purchase the necessary water from Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake & Sandy, to address ongoing operations and maintenance, and to complete necessary capital improvements outlined in the current Water Master Plan. However, in light of the recent water quality event affecting residents' water service, the Board supports postponing a rate increase this year. The department has reserve funds sufficient to carry through a "Rainy Day" and we concur that these recent events constitute a rainy day.

In the spirit of cooperation and understanding, the Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake and Sandy has adjusted its budget proposal by reducing the needed rate increase to Sandy City this year. We appreciate our Metro family's willingness to bear with us through FY 2020.

At our meeting on April 18, 2019, the Board unanimously approved a motion to recommend the FY 2019-2020 Public Utilities Budgets. The Board believes the proposed budgets and related expenditures are reasonable and we hope you will accept our recommendation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at 801-652-6308.

Thank you.

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