

# PORT COSTA SANITARY COMMISSION

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## MINUTES OF BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 26, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Chairperson Surges. Commissioner Mann was present. Also present were General Manager McDonald and Department Manager Barnhill.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

1. 9-MONTH BUDGET REPORT FOR FY 18/19 AND FY 2019/20 DRAFT BUDGET: The committee reviewed the 9-month budget report and raised various questions. Mr. Mann asked about the \$20K budgeted for septic cleaning and when we think the septic will be cleaned. Mr. Barnhill said that chamber #4 of the septic tank will be pumped as needed. He said budgeted amount would not be for full cleaning. Full pumping will be planned based on engineering recommendations following structural inspection and would be considered a special project which will likely require additional funding. Mr. McDonald said the Contingency Reserve has been increased from 5% to 10% which is in-line with other departments within the District. There were no recommendations to revise the current budget report or the preliminary budget for FY 19/20. The preliminary budget does not include a Sewer Use Charge (SUC) increase. The department is in a good financial position heading into FY 19/20 and department staff recommends no increase to the SUC. Following discussion it was the consensus of the committee that a SUC increase is not needed. The recommendation will be given to the Port Costa Sanitary Commission at the April 10 meeting.

2. GENERAL DISCUSSION: Mr. McDonald said that he sent a letter of support to Congressman Thompsons office to support H.R. 1764 extending NPDES Permit Terms to 10-years instead of the current 5-year cycle. He also sent a letter to the California Senate Environmental Quality Committee opposing SB 332 which proposes prohibiting public wastewater agencies from discharging to the ocean, bay, or estuary. The Federal bill would be of great benefit to Port Costa and the State bill would be seriously detrimental. The Committee talked briefly about the benefits of pumping all wastewater to Crockett if the State bill were ever to pass. Mr. McDonald said the next Budget & Finance Committee meeting would be in May if any major budget changes are needed.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

James Barnhill  
March 27, 2019