PUBLIC UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD  
CITY OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, NEW MEXICO  

Tuesday, January 20, 2009  
REGULAR MEETING  
Minutes  

TIME & PLACE:  The Public Utility Advisory Board of the City of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, in the County of Sierra, and State of New Mexico, met in Regular Session in full conformity with the Law and Ordinances of said Board, at the Commission Chambers of said City, on Tuesday the 20th day of January, 2009 at 5:30 P.M.  

PRESIDING OFFICER:  The meeting was called to order by Alvin Siffring, Chairman and Hazel F. Peterson acted as Secretary.  

ATTENDANCE:  Upon calling the roll the following members were reported present:  

Alvin Siffring, Chairman  
Bill Jacka, Vice Chairman  
Mike Potia, Member  
Al Wilkinson, Member  

Also Present:  

Bernadine Garcia, Utility Office Manager  
Hazel F. Peterson, Deputy City Clerk  

Absent Was/Were:  

James Hunt, Member  

QUORUM:  There being a quorum present the Board proceeded with the business at hand.  

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:  Alvin Siffring, Chairman called for approval of the Agenda.  

"Al Wilkinson moved approval of the Agenda as submitted."  
Seconded by Bill Jacka  
Motion carried unanimously.  

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  Alvin Siffring, Chairman called for review and approval of minutes of the Regular meeting held Monday, December 15, 2008.  

"Mike Potia moved approval of the minutes of the Regular meeting held Monday, December 15, 2008 as submitted."  
Seconded by Bill Jacka  
Motion carried unanimously.  

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:  None.  

PROPOSED RESOLUTION ADOPTING LONG-RANGE WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM:  "Al Wilkinson moved to recommend to the City Commission that the city adopt a long-range water conservation program based on the inclusion of the following:  

1. Create an updated water audit of production and use, possibly using terms used by AWWA. Compare with date in the 40-Year Water Development Plan adopted by the City
  a. Letters to top water users
  b. Water conservation suggestions disseminated to public
     with billing notices and through the news media.
  c. Gather and disseminate “typical” or “average” use data
     for people’s comparison

2. Education
  a. Encourage schools to use programs like “Project WET”
  b. Distribute informational materials whenever possible,
     such as those published by the Office of the State
     Engineer or City of Albuquerque
  c. Provide information on rain barrels and water
     reclamation for home irrigation


4. City must lead the way in water conservation
  a. Xeriscape wherever possible, not just Zero-scape
  b. Use rain sensors to avoid watering parks in rainstorms
  c. Install low-water-use fixtures in public restrooms as
     possible
  d. Initiate a Water Awareness month or activity
  e. Provide incentives for water conserving appliances in
     homes such as low-flow toilets, and low-flow
     showerheads

5. Contact other similar-size cities to borrow or exchange ideas.

6. Rely primarily on a Public Education Program, rather than
   Ordinance or incentives, as discussed in the 40-Year Water
   Plan.”

   Seconded by Bill Jacka
   Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT:
Ms. Garcia went over the Electric and Water Utility Operating Report.
Discussion ensued with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:
There being no further business to come before the Public Utility
Advisory Board Alvin Siffring, Chairman declared the meeting
adjourned.

APPROVAL:
PASSED AND APPROVED this 17 day of February, 2009, on motion duly made by
\[Signature\], seconded by \[Signature\], and carried.

[Signature]
Alvin Siffring, Chairman
Public Utility Advisory Board

[Signature]
Bill Jacka, Vice Chairman