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 Monday the 17th day of September, 2012 at 5:30 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER: The meeting was called to order by Bill Jacka, Chairman and Angela A. Torres acted as Secretary.

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

Bill Jacka, Chairman
Mike Potia, Vice Chairman
Alvin Siffring, Member
George Szigeti, Member

Absent:

James Hunt, Member

Also Present:

Juan Fuentes, City Manager
Linda Lanham, Finance Director
Kori Jankowski, Utility Office Manager
Jesus Salayandia, Waste Water Division Director
Gil Avelar, Electric Superintendent
Bill Slettom, Community Development Director
Angela A. Torres, Deputy City Clerk

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Bill Jacka, Chairman called for approval of the Agenda.

"Mike Potia moved approval of the Agenda as submitted."

Seconded by Alvin Siffring

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Bill Jacka, Chairman called for review and approval of minutes of the Regular meeting held Monday, August 20, 2012.

"Alvin Siffring moved approval of the minutes of the Regular meeting held Monday, August 20, 2012 as submitted."

Seconded by Mike Potia

Motion carried unanimously.
Bill Slettom, Community Development Director, reviewed the Water Conservation Plan with the Board, and stated when submitting an application for a Conservation Plan, they were asked to include a Drought Contingency Plan into the City Code.

Alvin Siffring asked Mr. Slettom what was the implementation of a Drought Contingency Plan.

Bill Slettom stated under stage two, severe drought conditions, the 70 average of water production falls within the 10% maximum pumping capacity.

Jesus Salayandia, Waste Water Division Director stated that the maximum pumping capacity is about 3 million gallons a day.

The Board asked that the pumping capacity be added to the Drought Contingency Plan.

Bill Jacka, Chairman, suggested that the Board read over the proposed Contingency Plan and that City staff present it at next month’s meeting.

George Szigeti had concerns regarding the pumps at the Municipal Golf Course.

The Board and City staff had brief discussion regarding the pumps and non-potable water at the Municipal Golf Course.

George Szigeti asked that City staff provide them with the current expenses and revenues of the trash collection system.

Juan Fuentes, City Manager passed out information on the notice of award for the recommendation from Gordon Environmental to award the contract for the Solid Waste Collection Center to ESA Contracts. City Manager Fuentes, noted that the bids came in around $558,000.00 and the estimate was around $700,000.00. The City received a State Appropriation this last legislative session of $400,000.00 that can also be applied toward this project. Now that the City Commission awarded the contract to ESA the notice to proceed will be issued later this week so they can begin construction of the facility and hopefully it will be completed by January or February of 2013 because the deadline for closing the landfill is at the end of March.

City Manager, Juan Fuentes stated this coming Tuesday the City Commission will be having a workshop regarding the 40 Year Water Plan and invited Board to attend.

Juan Fuentes, City Manager stated, we have issued a task order to WH Pacific to assist staff in evaluating the Solar Farm RFP’s and are hoping that will be done by this week. We have received six (6) RFP’s for the Solar Farm, and they vary per kilowatt hour how much it is going to cost for this one to (2) two megawatt facility, but once we have the technical review from WH Pacific then we will be able to make a recommendation to the City Commission.

Gil Avelar, Electric Superintendent and the Board had brief discussion regarding meters and the Williamsburg project.
Jesus Salayandia, Waste Water Division Director gave the Board an update on the Water Tank Project, and invited the Board to take a tour of the Water Tank once it is coated.

FINANCIAL REPORT:
Linda Lanham, Finance Director stated she would like to give the Board quarterly financial reports instead of monthly reports.

The Board stated they would like to see the Electric and Water Utility Operating Report presented at future meetings.

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

APPROVAL:
PASSED AND APPROVED this 15th day of October 2012, on motion duly made by _, seconded by _, and carried.

Bill Jacka, Chairman
Public Utility Advisory Board