



City of Biggs

Agenda Item Staff Report For the Regular City Council Meeting: May 13, 2014

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: City Administrator

SUBJECT: Appointment to the Butte County Water Advisory Committee.

Council is asked to consider appointing a representative to participate on the Butte County Water Advisory Committee.

Background:

The City has an opportunity to be represented at the Butte County Water Advisory Committee (WAC), which advises the Board of Supervisors through the Board-appointed Water Commission. Comprised of 26 members including representatives from watershed groups, the county and cities, each municipality can appoint one person. City reps can be technical, management or policy makers.

The Committee focuses on Basin Management Objective programs, with 16 sub-inventory units monitoring seasonal levels of key wells, and technical data is reviewed.

The WAC focuses on water related issues including aquifer management, surface water rights, water storage, hydroelectric power, water treatment regulations, habitat conservation, and various methods for flood prevention and control. The Committee meets two to three times per year.

In April 2012 the City appointed Council Member Bottorff to the WAC with Council Member Bo Sheppard as the alternate; however, the WAC bylaws do not recognize alternates. Any appointment by the Council would need to be confirmed by the Board of Supervisors.

Recommendation:

Appoint a representative to participate on the Butte County Water Advisory Committee.

Mark Sorensen, City Administrator