



## LODI CITY COUNCIL

Carnegie Forum  
305 West Pine Street, Lodi

## "SHIRTSLEEVE" SESSION

Date: September 15, 2009

Time: 7:00 a.m.

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### Informal Informational Meeting

**A. Roll Call by City Clerk**

**B. Topic(s)**

B-1 Presentation and Discussion of the Tiered Structure of Metered Water and Wastewater Rates (PW)

**C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items**

**D. Adjournment**

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City Clerk



## CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

**AGENDA TITLE:** Presentation and Discussion of the Tiered Structure of Metered Water and Wastewater Rates

**MEETING DATE:** September 15, 2009 (Shirtsleeve Session)

**PREPARED BY:** Public Works Director

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Receive presentation and discuss the tiered structure of metered water and wastewater rates.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The City Council has directed staff to prepare meter-based water rates and wastewater rates to coincide with the installation of residential water meters throughout the City. Staff will make a presentation to the City Council regarding the various tiered elements of meter-based water rates. The presentation will include a discussion of rate tiers and the requirements of State legislation guiding the structure of meter-based water rates. City Council has indicated a desire to establish "vacant residence" rates, and the discussion will include the requirements for establishing these charges.

Wastewater rates based upon metered water rates will be discussed based upon the assumption that the flat-rate structure for wastewater rates will be converted to usage-based rates along with the usage-based water rates.

Future actions will present final water and wastewater rate schedules that will initially be adopted as "advisory rates" in the winter of 2009. The first billings for usage-based water and wastewater utility will be sent to approximately 3,000 customers in January 2011. By January 2014, all of the approximately 18,000 residential services will receive a usage-based billing. At the time of adopting the "advisory rates," staff will seek policy direction from the City Council about providing to customers comparative flat-rate and usage-based rates prior to the first billing to be sent in January 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Not applicable.

**FUNDING AVAILABLE:** Not applicable.

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Public Works Director

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**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Blair King, City Manager