

**AUGUST 27, 2013**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**City of Turlock Yosemite Room**  
**156 S. Broadway, Turlock, California**

**MINUTES**  
**Special Meeting**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Lazar called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.  
PRESENT: Councilmembers Bill DeHart, Steven Nascimento, Amy Bublak, Forrest White, and Mayor John S. Lazar.  
ABSENT: None

2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND DISQUALIFICATION:** None

4. **WORKSHOP – DRAFT WATER RATES AND WATER CAPACITY CHARGES STUDY**

Development Services Director Dan Madden and Regulatory Affairs Manager Michael Cooke presented information regarding the Draft Water Rates and Water Capacity Charges Study. Mr. Cooke provided information on the condition of the water enterprise fund and surface water/ground water resources.

Tom Pavletic of Municipal Financial Services presented information about rate development objectives, rate calculation methodology, findings and projected water rates, water bill impacts and residential bill survey, and changes to water development fees.

Council discussion included the possibility of recharging existing wells.

Mayor Lazar asked for public comment.

Jose Gonzalez spoke regarding water rates in Turlock, surface water being expensive, the responsibility of the County in regard to water, and keeping groundwater as the primary source.

Mayor Lazar closed public comment.

Additional Council and staff discussion included addressing a JPA commitment before moving forward, concerns about increases for those on fixed incomes, the need to invest now to pave the way for future leaders, development vs. residential fee rate increases, realizing the value of water, and future steps to be taken.

5. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Lazar adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

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Kellie E. Weaver  
City Clerk