

FOR BOARD ACTION

Agenda Item # 5

Meeting Date: 6/30/09

SUBJECT: Well 40 Site Consideration and Resolution for Establishing Water Conservation Rates

PREPARED BY: Doug Rovang, Senior Civil Engineer
Susan Parker, Director of Corporate Services

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

At the May Board meeting staff updated the Board on the new requirements to implement water conservation rates under Minnesota Statute, Section 103G.291, subd. 4. As explained last month, RPU will need to implement water conservation rates under the Statute by January 1, 2013, or before requesting approval for a public water supply well or before requesting an increase in permitted volume for their water appropriation permit. Staff informed the Board that RPU intended to site and drill Well 40 this summer thus requiring action on the part of the Utility Board and the City Council regarding the water conservation rates. Staff will be updating the Board and asking for consideration on two items:

1. Well 40 Site location on City-owned flood control property (Willow Creek Reservoir), and
2. Recommendation to the City Council for a commitment to adopt and implement water conservation rates as required by Minnesota Statute section 103G.291.

Doug Rovang will be showing the Board a site map with the proposed location of Well 40. The City Administrators' office has requested a communication from RPU indicating its desire to construct Well 40 at the Willow Creek Reservoir site, and would bring this information to the City Council as an information item.

UTILITY BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Direct staff to communicate the proposed site location for Well 40 to the City Administrator's Office as an informational item, and
2. Pass the resolution requesting the City Council to commit to the implementation of water conservation rates by January 1, 2010.



General Manager



Date

ROCHESTER PUBLIC UTILITIES



RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Public Utility Board of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, recommends that the Common Council of the said City commit to the implementation of water conservation rates as required under Minnesota Statute 103G.291 by January 1, 2010.

Passed by the Public Utility Board of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, this 30th day of June, 2009.

President

Secretary