

The following is our study session agenda for January 21, 2025. If there are any changes or additions, please send them to me.

- Sanitary District Engineer Status Report. DEREK
- Public Works/Sanitary District Status Report . Update regarding advertising requests for bids pertaining to recycling and refuse contracts MARK K.
- Sanitary District Attorney status report. Due to Hammond's recent extension request, Highland has sent its Force Majeure Report to all necessary parties on November 20, 2024, thereby complying with the requirements of our Consent Decree. Current status regarding Hammond's extension request, its impact on Highland, and whether the plaintiffs have issued any response thereto. ROBERT

SANITARY COMMISSION DORMANT STUDY SESSION AGENDA

- Pursuant to the First Amendment to the Sewage Collection and Treatment Agreement, after the end year 2026, and after the completion of the Southeast Quadrant Under the District's LTCP, a cost of service study shall be conducted for the purpose of evaluating and incorporating the cost of service for the Southeast Quadrant Projects and any associated POTW upgrades or infrastructure constructed pursuant to District's LTCP completed as of the date of the commencement of the study. Until the cost of service is completed, and after the year 2026, the Customer city's rates shall increase in proportion to the yearly O&M budget established by the District compared to the prior year until such time that an update to the March 14, 2022 cost of service study is conducted and completed. The cost of service study shall be conducted by a third party consultant mutually agreed upon by the parties, the cost of which will be shared on a pro rata basis by the District and its customer communities.

I would suggest that preparation and evaluation for this cost of service provision be commenced far sooner than late in the year 2026 so as to assure that several potential consultants would be available for selection rather than being limited to only a few companies. Additionally, it may be beneficial to the customer cities to avoid long term delays in commencing the aforementioned cost of service study since after 2026, Customer Cities rates will automatically increase in proportion to the yearly O&M budget established by the District compared to the prior year. It should be noted that the first cost of service study completed March 14, 2022 was delayed for almost four years.