

Olivehurst Public Utility District



Agenda Item Staff Report

Meeting Date: February 20, 2020

Item description/summary:

Discuss the potential to live stream board meetings. Currently, our board meetings are recorded using third party software. They are then processed with that software, and are made into an audio/visual file. That file must then be reprocessed to reduce its size, then uploaded to a third party host (Vimeo). This process from beginning to end can take several days to complete. Many public agencies have begun live streaming their public meetings to ensure the public's ability to participate in the governance process and to engage their communities using social media. Looking into this option, YouTube appears to be an affordable option, and preliminary testing has shown that it is compatible with our current software. Communication with YouTube has indicated that there is no fee for service or for video uploads. While the current option is adequate to serve the needs of the District, making a switch to live-streamed videos could increase transparency, make access to our meets easier for interested Members of the Public and Directors who cannot attend meetings. Videos would also be quicker to access after the conclusion of the meetings, as they would already be located on the platform.

Fiscal Analysis:

We currently spend roughly \$60 per year for our Vimeo service. Switching to YouTube could eliminate that cost.

Employee Feedback

None

Sample Motion:

None; information only.

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