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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

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LOCATION: Central Florida Tourism Oversight District 1900 Hotel Plaza Boulevard Lake Buena Vista, Florida 32830

DATE TAKEN: March 28, 2025

TIME: 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

REPORTED BY: SANDRA D. BROWN, FPR, Court Reporter and Notary Public State of Florida at Large PRESENT:

BOARD MEMBERS: Alexis Yarbrough, Chair; Brian Aungst, Jr.; Bridget Ziegler; John Gilbert; Scott Workman

SPEAKERS: Chaplain Rick Spence, District Chaplain; Jonathan Cox, District Fire Department; Stephanie Kopelousos, District Administrator; Christine Ferraro, Director - RCES; Craig Sandt, Principal Construction Manager; Joey Rodriguez, Manager/Chief Building Official

CFTOD STAFF: Stephanie Kopelousos, District Administrator; Mike Crikis, Deputy District Administrator; Roy Payne, Esquire, General Counsel; Eric Ferrari, Fire Chief; Alycia Mills, District Clerk, Executive Assistant; Tanya Naylor, Director of Security and Emergency Management; Ron Zupa, IT Service Delivery Manager; Samarth Thomas, Systems Administrator; Susan Higginbotham, Chief of Finance; Christine Ferraro, Director - RCES; Roger Smith, Deputy Fire Chief; Eddie Fernandez, CFTOD Operational Safety Consultant; Tiffany Kimball, Contracting Officer; Yenni Hernandez, Chief Information Officer; Katherine Luetzow, Planning & Engineering Manager; Matthew Oberly, External Affairs Director; Heidi Powell, Manager - Financial Reporting Analysis; Douglas Henley, Director of Facilities; Ella Hickey, Building & Safety; Craig Sandt, Principal Construction Manager; Jason Herrick, Manager Gas Water & Wastewater; Holly Hagans, Security and Emergency Management Coordinator; Joel Edwards, Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal; Wendy Duncan, Director - Environmental Sciences; Michele Dicus, Director - Human Resources; Mary Balliet, Senior Human Resources Generalist; Joey Rodriguez, Manager/Chief Building Official; Phil College, Technical Support Analyst

1 PROCEEDINGS 2 * 3 MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: Good morning, 4 Welcome to the meeting of the Board of everybody. 5 Supervisors for Central Florida Tourism Oversight 6 District. Today is March 28th. It is 10:30 a.m. 7 Good morning. We're going to start Welcome. 8 with our invocation from Chaplain Spence. Is 9 Chaplain Spence here? Good morning, sir. 10 CHAPLAIN SPENCE: I always want to thank the 11 Board and Stephanie for allowing me -- and Chief 12 Ferrari for allowing me this opportunity to be 13 here, as this is a tremendous blessing for me to be 14 able to do this. 15 One of the things I wanted to talk about 16 briefly this morning is about King David. He was 17 probably the most famous King of Israel in the 18 Bible, and he was anointed by God by the Prophet 19 Samuel to be King of Israel at the age of 15, but 20 he didn't ascend to the throne until he was 30 21 years old. 2.2 The next 15 years of his life, he had various 23 trials and tribulations that he had to deal with 24 before he was able to become king. He spent ten 25 years of his life with his army running from the

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King of Israel that was trying to kill him because
 the king at the time, Saul, did not want David to
 be the King of Israel.

So when God anointed David to be king, he didn't give him a crown, he didn't give him a throne, he gave him Goliath, and he gave him a situation of circumstances that shaped and molded his character to become, at that time, the most successful King of Israel and probably the most famous king that was ever -- been in the history of Israel.

And I want to relate that to everyone that's in this room. I believe God has orchestrated our steps, and you're where you're at because that's where God wants you to be. But he didn't give you that department head position, he didn't give you that corner office, he didn't give you that gold badge, he gave you a Goliath in a situation of difficult circumstances that molded your character that made you better at what you're doing now than if he had just given you that position.

There's a verse in Jeremiah, 29:11. It's my wife's life verse, so I have this very well memorized. It says, For I know the plans I have for you. They are plans for good, not for evil.

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And this is the "drop the mic" moment. They're plans for good, not for evil, for a future and for a hope. And that's what we're all here for up there, to make things better for those that are coming behind us. Let me pray, Most gracious Heavenly Father, we're so grateful to be able to assemble like this.

We're just thankful for this opportunity to meet freely and just bring our petitions before you and before the people that govern this area.

11 We're blessed to have the leaders we have here 12 in place, and we just ask that you'll continue to 13 orchestrate their steps, to continue to give them 14 divine wisdom and divine insight to be able to see 15 people the way you see people. We're thankful for 16 this country, this opportunity, the blessings you 17 have given to us. And we just pray for the men and 18 women that are on the job today, that you'll be 19 with them as they go about their task and give them 20 wisdom and discernment, and be with the men and 21 women of our Armed Forces to keep them out of 22 In Jesus' name, Amen. harm's way. 23 ATTENDEES: Amen. 24 MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: Thank you, Chaplain

Spence. Fire Chief, would you lead us in the

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1	Pledge of Allegiance?
2	ATTENDEES: I pledge allegiance to the flag of
3	the United States of America, and to the Republic,
4	for which it stands, one nation, under God,
5	indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.
6	MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: All right. Mr. Payne,
7	good morning, sir. We are properly noticed and
8	have a quorum?
9	MR. PAYNE: Yes, Chair.
10	MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: Okay. Do we have any
11	public comments?
12	MR. PAYNE: We have one we have one speaker
13	card for the public comment, Chair.
14	MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: Okay.
15	MR. PAYNE: Jonathan Cox.
16	MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: All right. Mr. Cox,
17	good morning.
18	MR. COX: Good morning.
19	MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: Sir, you have three
20	minutes.
21	MR. COX: Thank you. Well, good morning,
22	Board members, distinguished guests. I could speak
23	passionately and at length about this topic, but
24	I'm going to read from my prepared statement just
25	so I can address everything that I need to.

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1 My name is Jonathan Cox, and I have served in 2 the Marine Corps from 2000 to 2009; two combat 3 tours, one in '03 and one in '05. I was assigned 4 to the Fourth Assault Amphibian Battalion and 5 deployed as part of the First Marine Division, б mechanized amphibious task logistics operations 7 command, and then again in 2005 as part of 8 Regimental Combat Team 2, Assault Amphibian 9 Battalion Alpha Platoon -- Alpha Company, Second 10 Platoon.

> During my time in the Marine Corps, I held billets including section leader, training non-commissioned officer, and platoon sergeant, and I was awarded multiple commendations for my superior performance in both operational and leadership roles.

Since separating from the military, I've committed my time to public service with my first year -- first nine years in the fire service at Seminole County. I have now been with the District for nine years, six of which on the Special Operations Team.

For recent promotional opportunities, I've done everything I can to prepare for them. I meet and exceed all the qualifications needed for them,

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including Fire Officer I and II, Fire Safety Inspector Instructor III. As of yesterday, I completed my Incident Safety Officer to further my development within this department.

In addition to that, I've also completed other advanced training and multiple technical rescue disciplines, including road rescue, confined space, vehicle machinery rescue, hazardous materials response, truck operations, surface water, SPRAT, which is the Society of Professional Rope Access Technicians, countless others.

Despite these credentials in 2022, veterans' preference was not offered to me during a promotional process. I only became aware of it during this current process. In 2024 and 2025, I was assessed as the top-ranked candidate, but I was still not selected for promotion. To me this is a clear violation of Florida Statute 295, and the Florida Administrative Code 55 Alpha-7, both of which require that veterans receive preference in both public employment -appointments as well as promotions.

As of today, I've taken several steps to try and address this issue. I've met directly with human resources, the fire chief, the deputy chief,

1 and as well as the district administrator, 2 Stephanie. 3 I've also spoken with my local representative 4 who stated, to him, this appeared to be 5 discriminatory behavior towards veterans. Τn 6 preliminary discussions with the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs, I was told that my case 7 8 appears to have merit. I also intend to bring this 9 before the office of the Governor, being that this 10 is a department that he helped institute. 11 While I do have formal avenues to pursue this 12 complaint, I find it deeply discouraging, honestly, 13 to be forced to fight for this right that I feel is 14 both protected by law and earned through my 15 honorable service. It's not about special 16 treatment. Thank you for your time. 17 MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: Thank you, sir. 18 Mr. Cox, I'm sure you're aware public comment is 19 not a dialogue with us, but I assure I speak for 20 everyone, thank you for your service. 21 MR. COX: Thank you. 2.2 MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: Do we have any other 23 public speakers? 24 MR. PAYNE: No, Chair. 25 All right. MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: Okay.

Moving on to consent agenda, Section 5. Consent
agenda items are intended to be disposed of without
discussion. Would any member like to pull anything
off the consent agenda?
Seeing none, do we have a motion to approve
the consent agenda?
MR. AUNGST: So moved.
MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: Second?
MS. ZIEGLER: Second.
MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: All in favor, aye.
THE BOARD: Aye.
MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: Any opposed? Seeing
none, motion passes.
Section 6, Reports. District Administrator
Kopelousos, good morning, ma'am. How are you?
MS. KOPELOUSOS: Good morning, members. I
just want to give a brief update and some things
that have happened since we last met but also some
things coming up. I want to start with, first, our
district is unique, as we've all talked about. One
of the things that happened a week ago was a fire
in a water I'm sorry, a walk-in cooler behind
Epcot. And the reason I bring this up, it was not
a big deal whatsoever, but because it occurred in
this district, and because it was visible it was

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right below where the skyliner goes over at Epcot,
there was billows of smoke. It got a lot of
attention, national attention.

So I wanted to share with y'all that it was a water cooler -- I mean, a walk-in cooler that was back behind the buildings at Epcot. Because of our building code, the buildings are not allowed -different structures have to be certain feet apart, and, therefore, nothing else was affected by this.

10 Our team responded effectively and 11 efficiently, took care of it very quickly, and so I 12 just share that with you in that something that got 13 a lot of news and media attention was really not a 14 big deal whatsoever. But it was handled by our 15 team very quickly, they responded quickly, and took 16 care of everything. So I just wanted to share that 17 with you since it did make -- please know if there 18 is a large event that occurs here, you will hear 19 directly from me on that.

Also wanted to share the past couple weeks we did recognition for our team. We did the promotion and recognition ceremony for the fire department, and it was great to have a lot of their families that attended to see them get promoted. So it was a great event. I thank the fire chief and his team

1 who put it together. 2 And then we did, for our team at CFTOD, 3 everyone who has hit the five-year mark, we did a 4 breakfast for all of them, and that was well 5 received and just grateful for the team that we 6 have and the work they put in. 7 Coming up this Saturday, we are doing some 8 work with Relay for Life. Jennifer leads our team, 9 who is with the building and safety department, and 10 we will be out at -- why am I drawing a blank? 11 What's the name of the park --12 Maxwell Field. ATTENDEES: 13 MS. KOPELOUSOS: -- Maxwell Field, which is 14 right behind our fire station to help raise money 15 for the American Cancer Society. So we will do 16 that on Saturday. That is all I have, Chair. 17 MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: Any questions? Thank 18 you, Ms. Kopelousos. 19 All right. Moving on to General Business, 20 Section 7.1. Do we have a motion to approve the 21 award of a three-year continuing service 22 contract --23 Oh, sorry. Did you-all hear me? Do you need 24 me to repeat that? 25 All right. Anybody want to ask Ms. Kopelousos

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1	any questions, now that I'm on the record again?
2	All right. Moving on to Section 7.1. Do we
3	have a motion to approve the award of a three-year
4	continuing services contract to seven contractors
5	for district-wide electrical medium and low voltage
6	services?
7	MS. ZIEGLER: So moved.
8	MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: Is there a second?
9	MR. AUNGST: Second.
10	MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: All right. Chief
11	Ferraro, would you like to present this item? Oh,
12	no, not Chief Ferraro. Chris Ferraro. Sorry, not
13	Chief Ferraro. I know, I saw I saw the horror
14	on your face, like, why is she I thought I was
15	just doing the pledge today. I'm sorry.
16	MS. FERRARO: I was so excited to have back
17	up. Thank you so much.
18	MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: Fire, Ferrari,
19	Ferraro, it all sounds the same. I apologize.
20	Good morning, ma'am. How are you?
21	MS. FERRARO: Good morning. Good morning,
22	Chairman, Board of Supervisors, and District
23	leadership. So just a little bit of detail are
24	you going to pardon me, sorry.
25	A little bit of expanded detail on the award

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of continuing service contracts for the utility division electrical services. So a great partnership with the District's procurement service. We issued a request for specialized electrical contractors for a variety of electrical services in medium and high voltage, so 480 volts to 69,000 volt electrical work.

We received seven responses. They were scored and discussed in a public meeting in March of 2025. They were scored, and we are asking the Board to award continuing services contracts to the seven firms listed that scored a 90 out of 100 in that selection committee process. Also happy to note that there are several local firms that were included in this award recommendation.

So a little bit of additional detail, the work to these contractors will be awarded through a task work order authorization with a specific project scope and cost for each item of work awarded. The intent would be to award to the qualified firm and to kind of spread the work equally among the seven contracts that we're recommending for award today.

The next slide are just some pictures of the infrastructure that would be availed for these contractors. We have in the pictures moving from

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1	left to right and top to bottom, there's a
2	pad-mounted transformer, the installation of
3	conduit for an electrical duct bank, electrical
4	switch gear on the far top right side, a control
5	cabinet on the bottom left, and then a circuit
6	breaker on the bottom right.
7	That's all I have to report, Chair.
8	MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: All right. I have a
9	question. So is there an outside limit on the
10	contract
11	MS. ZIEGLER: Mic.
12	MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: sorry. Is there an
13	outside limit on the contract, fiscally? I mean,
14	is there a cap? I know it's task work orders, so
15	there's no specific dollar amount, but is there a
16	cap on this at which point you would come back to
17	us to amend to seek additional approval?
18	MS. FERRARO: We'd be following the District's
19	procurement process for any of the awards. But,
20	Tiffany, I don't want to put you on the spot, but
21	can I defer to the District's chief contracting
22	officer to help me answer that?
23	MS. KIMBALL: So these are construction
24	contracts, so they would normally not have a cap.
25	It would be based on budget, so but not project

1	specific, so if she if the electrical department
2	had a project-specific project, we would be sending
3	those out for separate bid, and those would be
4	coming to you.
5	But if they're just daily operational tasks
6	and
7	MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: Maintenance; it's
8	maintenance, right?
9	MS. KIMBALL: Exactly.
10	MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: Right. So you
11	don't you don't put a cap on that at some point?
12	MS. KIMBALL: No.
13	MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: So how do we know
14	MS. KOPELOUSOS: There's a certain amount in
15	our budget for repairs.
16	MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: Okay.
17	MS. KOPELOUSOS: And so it would not go over
18	that.
19	MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: But how do we know
20	that, I guess, is what I'm asking?
21	MS. KOPELOUSOS: Because we we will not
22	allow the task order to go forward. In our
23	process, there are checks and balances, so the task
24	order would not be allowed to go forward unless
25	there's budget within the maintenance agreement to

1	do it.
2	MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: Okay. Okay. Well, we
3	can we're learning we're learning
4	MS. KOPELOUSOS: Yeah.
5	MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: but we'll talk
6	about that. Okay.
7	MR. AUNGST: Madam Chair, and just to clarify,
8	so my understanding is this is just a list of
9	approved vendors is that that you can then
10	select from. So this would be like, we did the
11	civil engineers at the last meeting, or one of the
12	prior meetings, these are the electrical engineers;
13	is that right?
14	MS. FERRARO: These are construction firms for
15	electrical contracting, that's correct.
16	MR. AUNGST: That you could that would
17	be you would be allowed to choose to then come
18	to us if you needed money, or if it was already in
19	the budget, then you could use that money; is that
20	correct?
21	MS. FERRARO: That's correct. So we've
22	determined that they are qualified, and we have a
23	rate sheet established with them for scopes of work
24	that we would approach them for on a task order
25	basis that would either be approved through the

1	budget or come to the Board at that requisite
2	approval amount.
3	MS. KOPELOUSOS: There's still anything
4	under that's approved for us to sign off on would
5	come before the Board.
6	MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: Got it. Thank you.
7	Any other questions? No? Okay.
8	Seeing none, all in favor, aye.
9	THE BOARD: Aye.
10	MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: Any opposed? All
11	right. Seeing none, motion passes. Thank you, and
12	you're not the chief. You're very lucky.
13	Okay. Moving on to 7.2, which is a motion
14	do we have a motion to approve an award of a
15	three-year contract for vehicle tire repair and
16	maintenance services to Snyder Tire, Inc., with an
17	approximate expenditure of 1.5?
18	MR. AUNGST: So moved.
19	MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: Second?
20	MS. ZIEGLER: Second.
21	MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: All right. Who is
22	presenting this one? Again, Ms. Ferraro.
23	MS. FERRARO: Thank you, Chairman. A little
24	bit of background on this award and recommendation
25	to the Board from the utility division.

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So this is also the result of the procurement process with the District's procurement team. A request for proposal was submitted for mechanics specializing in repair and maintenance of vehicle tires and tire stems for the District's solid waste utility fleet.

So the required scope of work, in addition to tires and tire stems, is also roadside assistance, disposal of those tires, and a technician on-site daily to respond to any required replacements or repairs. And the photo here is an example of one of 35 solid waste trucks that are in the District's solid waste fleet.

The proposal went out to the public in December 2024. Two bids were received, and they were evaluated in a formal selection committee public meeting in February of 2025. At this time, the utility division is recommending award of Contract C006740 with Snyder Tire, Inc. They are a firm in South Carolina. We did not receive any local bids on this scope of work.

We're looking for the contract period for April 1, 2025, through April 1, 2028. The annual amount is approximately one-half million dollars, for a contract total over a three-year time of

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1	\$1,420,047. This is covered annually in the
2	operating routine operating expense of the solid
3	waste utility and will be approved by the Board
4	annually through the utility budget.
5	MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: Any questions? None?
б	All right. All in favor, aye.
7	THE BOARD: Aye.
8	MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: Any opposed? Seeing
9	none, motion passes.
10	All right. Item 7.3, we have a motion do
11	we have a motion to approve Change Order No. 7 to
12	Contract C005704 with Reedy Creek Energy Services
13	for additional engineering and construction support
14	services for Phase II of the World Drive North
15	Phase III project in the amount of \$1.2 million?
16	Do we have a motion?
17	MR. AUNGST: So moved.
18	MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: Second?
19	MS. ZIEGLER: Second.
20	MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: All right. Mr. Sandt,
21	good morning. How are you, sir?
22	MR. SANDT: Good morning, Chairman Yarbrough,
23	fellows members of the Board, District
24	administration. Here to seek the approval for
25	Change Order No. 7 for the Reedy Creek Energy

1 Services, Contract C005704, for additional 2 engineering and construction support services of 3 the World Drive North Phase II of the World Drive 4 North Phase III project, \$1.2 million. 5 So these services are for -- they include б submittal review, also -- submittal review, utility 7 infrastructure inspection, welding inspection, RFI 8 review in support for utility work associated with 9 Phase II of the Phase III project. Also 10 miscellaneous goods and ancillary professional 11 services. 12 So you probably wondered, what is Phase II of 13 the Phase III project? So I'm glad you're 14 wondering that. So the exhibit real quick that you 15 see up there on the left side where it says, "Begin 16 project," that's basically the beginning of the 17 Phase I of the Phase III project that goes up to 18 just past roundabout two, which is the middle 19 roundabout just around the Grand Floridian area, 20 too. 21

Phase I was all the utility infrastructure underneath the ground, and then some also -- some temporary chore work in through there. Phase II of the Phase III is everything else: the utilities to the north of that roundabout all the way to the end

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1	of the project, and all the roadway drainage and
2	the roadway finishing the roadway.
3	So basically back in February 2003, the
4	original request was put in and approved. Phase II
5	was initiated back in November 2024 and approved by
б	the Board. That authorization previously was 1.9
7	million. This \$1.2 million request should finish
8	us with the project of World Drive North Phase III,
9	and there will be no change to the overall budget
10	of the World Drive North Phase III project.
11	MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: Okay. Thank you,
12	Mr. Sandt.
13	Any questions? Discussion? No? Okay.
14	All right. All in favor, aye.
15	THE BOARD: Aye.
16	MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: Any opposed? Motion
17	passes. Thank you, Mr. Sandt.
18	MR. SANDT: Thank you.
19	MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: We are on to Item 7.4.
20	Do we have a motion to approve authorizing the
21	District Administrator to negotiate the terms of
22	and execute an agreement with the Florida
23	Department of Transportation to provide \$500,000 in
24	District support for the Sunshine Corridor PD&E
25	Study?

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1	MS. ZIEGLER: So moved.
2	MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: Second?
3	MR. AUNGST: Second.
4	MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: Any discussion?
5	All in favor, aye.
6	THE BOARD: Aye.
7	MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: Any opposed?
8	Section 8, Public Hearing. Item 8.1, we have
9	Resolution No. 671, adopting and enacting a new
10	Epcot compilation of codes, 2024 edition.
11	The first item; Mr. Payne, would you please
12	read this for us?
13	MR. PAYNE: Yes, Chair. It's Resolution
14	No. 671, A resolution of the Board of Supervisors
15	of the Central Florida Tourism Oversight District
16	adopting and enacting a new Epcot compilation of
17	codes, 2024 edition, which includes the
18	accessibility code, the building code, the
19	electrical code, the energy efficient code, the
20	fuel gas code, the mechanical code, the plumbing
21	code, the existing building code, the property
22	maintenance code, and the residential code;
23	providing for the repeal of the Epcot compilation
24	of codes, 2018 edition; providing for codification,
25	scrivener's error, severability, conflicts and an

1	effective date.
2	MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: Thank you, Mr. Payne.
3	Do we have a motion to approve Resolution 671? Is
4	that what 671?
5	MR. AUNGST: So moved.
6	MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: Second?
7	MS. ZIEGLER: Second.
8	MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: Any discussion? Oh,
9	we can't discuss yet. Public comment, do we have
10	any public comment?
11	Seeing none
12	MR. PAYNE: I don't think we have any any
13	speaker cards.
14	MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: any discussion?
15	All in favor, aye.
16	THE BOARD: Aye.
17	MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: Any opposed? All
18	right. Motion passes.
19	We are now on to oh, Mr. Rodriguez might
20	have wanted to say something. Sorry. I'll be
21	honest, I'm new with the resolution process, so,
22	sorry
23	MS. KOPELOUSOS: Can I can I just make a
24	comment? No, the they've been working on
25	updating the Epcot code since 2018.

1 It's a big deal. MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: 2 Would you like to tell us about it even though we 3 voted on it? 4 MS. KOPELOUSOS: A lot has happened. 5 MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: It's my fault. Ι 6 apologize. 7 MS. KOPELOUSOS: A lot has happened in that 8 timeline, and they have worked diligently to make 9 sure that's updated. 10 MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: Yes, I would like to 11 hear about it. Go ahead. I know we voted, but go 12 I actually talked to Mr. Payne before ahead. 13 because I have not done a resolution -- presiding 14 over a resolution process, so I knew I was going to 15 mess it up. I spoke with Mr. Payne, and I still 16 messed it up, so I apologize, sir. Go right ahead. 17 MR. RODRUGUEZ: Well, thank you, Madam Chair, 18 and supervisors. As Stephanie mentioned, you know, 19 we have been working on this guite a long time, 20 since 2018, and a lot of things have happened since 21 then. 22 You know, all building codes in the nation are 23 all updated in intervals and usually keep the same 24 base code. The first Epcot building code was 25 published in 1970, and it was based off the 1967

1 south Florida building code. 2 And as it was updated throughout the years, it 3 was updated to incorporate current technologies and 4 current code philosophies. Well, this is the first 5 time we'll be changing the base code to the 2023 б Florida Eighth Edition Building Code. 7 So it's a -- it's a big leap for us, and so we 8 appreciate your consideration for this, and, yes, 9 it's been a lot of work. 10 MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: It has been a lot of 11 work. 12 MS. KOPELOUSOS: And his whole team has worked 13 diligently to update it to make sure we're getting 14 it right. I mean, as you know, safety is the 15 utmost importance for everyone here on this 16 property, and they do a great job at that. But I 17 just want to thank -- it started before you became 18 the building official, and you spearheaded it to 19 completion, so thank you. 20 MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: Yes, thank you. Thank 21 Any questions for him even though I know we you. 22 voted? 23 MR. AUNGST: I just want to say thank you, 24 great job. 25 Really amazing. MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: Ι

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1	know some of us are learning still here, but I know
2	what I've heard thus far, it's so impressive, the
3	amount of work and effort that goes into our codes
4	to make sure that all of our visitors are safe, and
5	our structures are safe, and that we can maintain
б	hurricane thresholds.
7	It's really impressive, and I can only
8	imagine I've seen the volumes already. It's
9	substantial. I know there has to have been so many
10	hours and labor of love put into that, and we're
11	just really appreciative, so thank you very much.
12	Anything else? No? Okay.
13	All right. Moving on to Item 8.2, another
14	resolution. I'll try to get this one right,
15	Mr. Payne.
16	Item Resolution No. 672, modifying the
17	District's high temperature hot water utility rate
18	for the remainder of fiscal year 2025.
19	Mr. Payne, would you please read Resolution
20	No. 672?
21	MR. PAYNE: Yes, ma'am. And this is
22	Resolution No. 672, A resolution of the Central
23	Florida Tourism Oversight District modifying the
24	District's high temperature hot water utility rate
25	for the remainder of fiscal year 2025; and

1	providing for severability conflicts and an
2	effective date.
3	MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: Okay. Do we have a
4	motion to approve Resolution 672?
5	MS. ZIEGLER: So moved.
6	MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: Second?
7	MR. AUNGST: Second.
8	MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: Any comments from the
9	public? Seeing none, Ms. Ferraro, would you please
10	tell us about Resolution 672, ma'am?
11	MS. FERRARO: Yes. Just kind of talk you
12	through this. This is one of the District's
13	utilities, the high temperature hot water system.
14	This is in the north part of the District's utility
15	system, and is in our central energy plant.
16	So the rate for high temperature hot water was
17	set by the Board in September of 2024, and it was
18	set based on a utility cost base for this utility
19	for fiscal '25 of \$4 million.
20	When we build the rate structure, we look at
21	how much we're going to sell and the expenses, and
22	we decide what that rate will be, and that's what
23	the Board have approved.
24	However, in November of 2024, we replaced the
25	primary meter at the District's Central Energy

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1	Plant, the District's meter measuring volumes of
2	hot water, and we found that that meter had, in
3	fact, been slowing down for some period of time,
4	and now we're getting a much higher volume being
5	recognize through the metering system.
6	So much so that if we continue to collect at
7	the current rate, we'll be over collected by almost
8	60 percent at the end of year, realizing a revenue
9	of over \$6 million against a \$4 million cost base.
10	So based on that need, we'd like to recommend
11	a rate reduction, and it is significant because of
12	the math associated with this. We're halfway
13	through the year already, and we sell a lot of hot
14	water in the winter. So the original rate set by
15	the Board was just over \$53 per MMBTU, a million
16	British thermal units, and we're recommending a
17	reduction for the rest of fiscal '25 to \$14.09.
18	I do want to assure the Board that the
19	District has always been made whole correctly for
20	the expenses of this utility. Even if that meter
21	was not accurate, we were still forecasting sales,
22	and we were adjusting rates accordingly, so the
23	rates were probably a little bit higher as that
24	meter was slowing down.
25	Also we do have a large meter replacement

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1 program planned for the utility division for all of 2 the District's utilities to ensure that we have 3 correct and accurate metering. So I do want to 4 make sure that this will not be happening again. 5 So this is just the math associated with the б budget request. We have volumes that we're 7 forecasting now with our new metering equipment of 8 over 116,000 metric BTUs per year, and that's the 9 \$6.3 million in revenue that we previously 10 discussed. When you back that through and you say 11 we want to just land at \$4 million, we reduce the 12 rate to \$14 for the remainder of this year to cover 13 that.

So we had originally forecast about 74,000 MMBTUs, and we're already at 58,000. So we've already realized about 80 percent of the volume in a half year that we expected for the full year. That's why the rate reduction is so low.

This rate will rebound next year as we build -- we do a base-up build every year on utility expenses and expect it to moderate kind of somewhere in the middle, right between that \$53 we were at, and the \$14 that we're at now. So when we get into the budget, you will see a significant increase this year.

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1	The graph shown on the top right is a typical
2	chart that we use to talk about rates year over
3	year. That will become familiar in the budget
4	conversations that we'll have. This just shows
5	where we start in '25 and the mid-year adjustment,
6	and there's a picture on the bottom right of just
7	what the meter looks like. It's just a volume
8	metric meter with a display, and the display
9	finally failed, and that's why we it became
10	urgent to change it.
11	And that's the end of my report on the hot
12	water rate.
13	MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: Thank you. Any
14	questions? Discussion?
15	All right. Seeing none, is there a motion
16	we have the motion. We're voting.
17	All in favor, aye.
18	THE BOARD: Aye.
19	MADAM CHAIR YARBROUGH: Obviously, I have a
20	mental block on resolutions. Mr. Payne is going to
21	give me a tutorial later. Thank you, Ms. Ferraro.
22	All right. We are through the end of our
23	agenda, it looks like. Do we have any new
24	business? Any member want to discuss anything?
25	Ms. Kopelousos, nothing?

1	All right. Seeing none, we'll stand
2	adjourned. The time is 11:00 a.m. Thanks,
3	everybody, appreciate it.
4	(The meeting concluded at 11:00 a.m.)
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bring (3)	codes (5)	Court (1)	DISTRICT (21)
British (1)	codification (1)	cover (1)	District's (13)
BROWN (3)	collect (1)	covered (1)	district-wide (1)
BTUs (l)	collected (1)	\mathbf{Cox} (8)	divine (2)
budget (10)	College (1)	Craig (2)	Division (5)
Buena (1)	combat (2)	credentials (1)	doing (3)
build (3)	come (4)	Creek (2)	dollar (1)
Building (12)	$\begin{array}{c} \text{comine} & (7) \\ \text{coming} & (4) \end{array}$	Crikis (1)	dollars (1)
buildings (2)	command (1)	crown (1)	Douglas (1)
Business (2)	commendations (1)	current (4)	drainage (1)
Dusiness (2)	comment (5)		drawing (1)
< C >	comments (2)	< D >	Drive (5)
C005704 (2)	committed (1)	daily (2)	drop (1)
C006740 (1)	committee (2)	$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{DATE} (3) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c c} \mathbf{diop} & (1) \\ \mathbf{duct} & (1) \end{array}$
cabinet (1)	Company (1)	Dated (1)	Duncan (1)
Cancer (1)	compilation (3)	David (3)	
candidate (1)	complaint (1)	$\begin{array}{c c} \mathbf{David} & (5) \\ \mathbf{day} & (1) \end{array}$	< E >
cancelet (1) cap (4)	complete (1)	$\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{day} & (1) \\ \mathbf{deal} & (4) \end{array}$	earned (1)
card (1)	completed (2)	December (1)	Eddie (1)
cards (1)	completion (1)	decide (1)	edition (4)
care (2)	concluded (1)	deeply (1)	Edwards (1)
Carolina (1)		defer (1)	effective (2)
	conduit (1) confined (1)		effectively (1)
case (1)	conflicts (2)	Delivery (1) Denortment (0)	• • • •
$\mathbf{CENTRAL} (7)$		Department (9)	efficient (1)
ceremony (1)	$\begin{array}{ c c } consent (4) \\ consideration (1) \end{array}$	deployed (1)	efficiently (1)
certain (2)	consideration (1)	Deputy (4)	effort (1)
certify (1)	Construction (6)	Despite (1)	Eighth (1)
$\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{CFTOD} (3) \\ \mathbf{Chair} (65) \end{array}$	Consultant (1)	detail (3)	either (1)
Chair (65)	continue (3)	determined (1)	electrical (11)
Chairman (3)	continuing (4)	development (1)	Ella (1)
Change (4)	$\begin{array}{c} \text{contract} (10) \\ \text{Contracting} (2) \end{array}$	dialogue (1)	Emergency (2)
changing (1)	Contracting (3)	Dicus (1)	employment (2)

enacting (2)	Fernandez (1)	go (7)	honestly (1)
Energy (5)	Ferrari (3)	God (5)	honorable (1)
Engineering (3)	Ferraro (17)	goes (3)	hope (1)
engineers (2)	Field (2)	going (6)	horror (1)
ensure (1)	fight (1)	$\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{gold} \\ \mathbf{gold} \end{array} (l) \end{array}$	hot (7)
Environmental (1)	finally (1)	Goliath (2)	Hotel (1)
Epcot (8)	Finance (1)	Good (16)	hours (1)
equally (1)	Financial (1)	goods (1)	Human (3)
equipment (1)	find (1)	govern (1)	hurricane (1)
Eric (1)	finish (1)	Governor (1)	
error (1)	finishing (1)	gracious (1)	<i></i>
Esquire (1)	Fire (13)	Grand (1)	II (7)
established (1)	firm (2)	graph (1)	$\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{II} (7) \\ \mathbf{III} (9) \end{array}$
evaluated (1)	$\begin{array}{c c} \mathbf{firm} & (2) \\ \mathbf{firms} & (3) \end{array}$	grateful (2)	imagine (1)
	First (7)		
event (2)		great (5)	importance (1)
everybody (2)	fiscal (4)	ground (1)	impressive (2)
evil (2)	fiscally (1)	guess (1)	Incident (1)
Exactly (1)	five-year (l)	guests (1)	include (1)
example (1)	$\begin{bmatrix} flag & (l) \\ flag & (2) \end{bmatrix}$		included (1)
exceed (1)	fleet (2)	$\langle H \rangle$	includes (1)
excited (1)	FLORIDA (16)	Hagans (1)	including (3)
execute (1)	Floridian (1)	half (1)	incorporate (1)
Executive (1)	following (1)	halfway (1)	increase (1)
exhibit (1)	forced (1)	handled (1)	indivisible (1)
existing (1)	Forces (1)	happened (5)	Information (1)
expanded (1)	forecast (1)	happening (1)	infrastructure (3)
expect (1)	forecasting (2)	happy (1)	initiated (1)
expected (1)	foregoing (1)	harm's (1)	insight (1)
expenditure (1)	formal (2)	hazardous (1)	inspection (2)
expense (1)	forward (2)	head (1)	Inspector (1)
expenses (3)	found (1)	hear (3)	installation (1)
External (1)	Fourth (1)	heard (1)	institute (1)
	FPR (1)	Hearing (1)	Instructor (1)
< F >	freely (1)	Heavenly (1)	intend (1)
face (1)	fuel (<i>1</i>)	Heidi (1)	intended (1)
Facilities (1)	full (1)	held (1)	intent (1)
fact (1)	further (1)	help (2)	intervals (1)
failed (1)	future (1)	helped (1)	invocation (1)
familiar (1)		Henley (1)	Israel (6)
families (1)	< G >	Hernandez (1)	issue (1)
famous (2)	Gas (2)	Herrick (1)	issued (1)
far (2)	gear (1)	Hickey (1)	item (8)
Father (1)	General (2)	Higginbotham (1)	items (1)
fault (1)	Generalist (1)	high (5)	
favor (7)	getting (2)	higher (2)	< J >
February (2)	Gilbert (1)	history (1)	Jason (1)
feel (1)	give (9)	hit (1)	Jennifer (1)
feet (1)	given (2)	Holly (1)	Jeremiah (1)
fellows (1)	$ \mathbf{g}_{lad} (l) $	honest (1)	Jesus (1)
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job (3)	low (2)	$\mathbf{Mike} (1)$	Okay (13)
Joel (1)	lucky (1)	military (1)	old (1)
Joey (2)	Luetzow (1)	million (11)	one-half (1)
John (1)		Mills (1)	on-site (1)
Jonathan (3)	< M >	minutes (1)	operating (2)
Jr (1)	ma'am (4)	miscellaneous (1)	Operational (3)
justice (1)	machinery (1)	MMBTU (1)	operations (3)
	MADAM (58)	MMBTUs (1)	opportunities (1)
< K >	maintain (1)	moderate (1)	opportunity (3)
Katherine (1)	Maintenance (6)	modifying (2)	opposed (6)
keep (2)	Management (2)	molded (2)	ORANGE (1)
kill (1)	Manager (6)	moment (1)	orchestrate (1)
Kimball (4)	Manager/Chief (2)	money (3)	orchestrated (1)
kind (<i>3</i>)	March (3)	morning (15)	order (6)
King (10)	Marine (3)	motion (18)	orders (1)
knew (1)	mark (1)	moved (7)	original (2)
know (14)	Marshal (1)	Moving (6)	originally (1)
Kopelousos (17)	Mary (1)	multiple (2)	outside (2)
	materials (1)		overall (1)
< L >	math (2)	< N >	OVERSIGHT (5)
labor (1)	Matthew (1)	name (3)	
Lake (1)	Maxwell (2)	nation (2)	< P >
land (1)	mean (3)	national (1)	pad-mounted (1)
Large (3)	measuring (1)	Naylor (1)	pardon (1)
law (l)	mechanical (1)	need (3)	park (1)
lead (1)	mechanics (1)	needed (2)	part (3)
leader (1)	mechanized (1)	negotiate (1)	partnership (1)
leaders (1)	media (1)	new (5)	passes (5)
leadership (2)	medium (2)	news (1)	passionately (1)
leads (1)	meet (2)	nine (2)	Payne (16)
leap (1)	MEETING (6)	non-commissioned (1)	$\mathbf{PD\&E} (1)$
learning (3)	meetings (1)	normally (1)	people (3)
left (3)	member (2)	North (7)	percent (2)
length (1)	MEMBERS (4)	Notary (1)	performance (1)
liberty (1)	memorized (1)	note (1)	period (2)
life (4)	men (2)	notes (1)	petitions (1)
limit (2)	mental (1)	noticed (1)	Phase (16)
list (1)	mentioned (1)	November (2)	Phil (1)
listed (1)	merit (1)		philosophies (1)
little (5)	mess (1)	< 0 >	photo (1)
local (3)	messed (1)	Oberly (1)	picture (1)
LOCATION (1)	met (2)	Obviously (1)	pictures (2)
logistics (1)	meter (8)	occurred (1)	place (1)
long (1)	metering (3)	occurs (1)	planned (1)
look (1)	metric (2)	offered (1)	Planning (1)
looking (1)	mic (2)	office (2)	plans (3)
looks (2)	Michele (1)	Officer (6)	plant (2)
lot (9)	middle (2)	Official (3)	Platoon (3)
love (1)	mid-year (1)	Oh (4)	Plaza (1)

please (4)	quickly (3)	rescue (3)	Second (15)
Pledge (3)	quite (1)	residential (1)	section (6)
plumbing (1)	quorum (1)	Resolution (14)	Security (2)
point (2)		resolutions (1)	see (5)
position (2)	< R >	Resources (3)	Seeing (9)
Powell (1)	raise (1)	respond (1)	seek (2)
pray (2)	rate (13)	responded (2)	seen (1)
preference (2)	rates (3)	response (1)	select (1)
preliminary (1)	RCES (2)	responses (1)	selected (1)
prepare (1)	read (3)	rest (1)	selection (2)
prepared (1)	real (1)	result (1)	sell (2)
PRESENT (2)	realized (1)	revenue (2)	Seminole (1)
presenting (1)	realizing (1)	review (3)	sending (1)
presiding (1)	really (4)	RFI (1)	Senior (1)
previously (2)	reason (1)	Rick (1)	separate (1)
primary (1)	rebound (1)	right (34)	separating (1)
Principal (2)	receive (2)	road (1)	September (1)
prior (1)	received (3)	roadside (1)	sergeant (1)
probably (4)	recognition (2)	roadway (3)	served (1)
proceedings (1)	recognize (1)	Rodriguez (3)	Service (8)
process (8)	recommend (1)	RODRUGUEZ (1)	services (12)
procurement (4)	recommendation (2)	Roger (1)	set (3)
Professional (4)	recommending (3)	roles (1)	seven (4)
program (1)	record (2)	Ron (1)	severability (2)
project (12)	reduce (1)	room (1)	shaped (1)
project-specific (1)	reduction (3)	Rope (I)	share (4)
promoted (1)	Reedy (2)	roundabout (3)	sheet (1)
promotion (2)	Regimental (1)	routine (1)	shown (1)
promotional (2)	relate (1)	Roy (1)	shows (1)
promotions (1)	Relay (1)	running (1)	side (2)
properly (1)	remainder (3)		sign (1)
property (2)	repair (2)	< S >	significant (2)
Prophet (1)	repairs (2)	safe (2)	sir (6)
proposal (2)	repeal (1)	Safety (6)	situation (2)
protected (1)	repeat (1)	sales (1)	six (1)
provide (1)	replaced (1)	Samarth (1)	skyliner (1)
providing (3)	replacement (1)	Samuel (1)	slide (1)
Public (14)	replacements (1)	SANDRA (3)	slowing (2)
published (1)	report (3)	Sandt (7)	Smith (1)
pull (1)	REPORTED (1)	Saturday (2)	smoke (1)
pursue (1)	Reporter (3)	Saul (1)	Snyder (2)
put (6)	Reporting (1)	saw (2)	Society (2)
put (0)	Reports (1)	$\begin{array}{c c} save & (2) \\ says & (2) \end{array}$	solid (4)
< Q >	representative (1)	Sciences (1)	sorry (8)
qualifications (1)	Republic (1)	scope (3)	sounds (1)
qualified (2)	request (5)	scopes (1)	South (2)
question (1)	require (1)	scored (3)	space (1)
question (7)	required (2)	Scott (1)	speak (2)
quick (1)	requisite (1)	scrivener's (1)	speaker (2)
Jaron (1)			penner (2)
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SPEAKERS (2)	talk (4)	trucks (1)	Wastewater (1)
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spearheaded (1)	talked (2)	$\begin{array}{c c} \mathbf{true} & (1) \\ \mathbf{true} & (2) \end{array}$	Water (11)
Special (2)	Tanya (1)	try (2)	way (3)
specialized (1)	task (7)	trying (1)	week (l)
specializing (1)	tasks (1)	tutorial (1)	weeks (1)
specific (3)	Team (11)	two (3)	Welcome (2)
Spence (5)	Technical (2)	typical (1)	welding (1)
spent (1)	technician (1)		well (8)
spoke (1)	Technicians (1)	< U >	Wendy (1)
spoken (1)	technologies (1)	underneath (1)	went (1)
spot (1)	tell (2)	understanding (1)	We're (20)
SPRAT (1)	temperature (4)	unique (1)	we've (3)
spread (1)	temporary (1)	United (1)	whatsoever (2)
STAFF (1)	ten (1)	units (1)	wife's (1)
stand (1)	terms (1)	update (2)	winter (1)
stands (1)	thank (26)	updated (4)	wisdom (2)
start (3)	thankful (2)	updating (1)	women (2)
started (1)	Thanks (1)	urgent (1)	wondered (1)
State (2)	thermal (1)	use (2)	wondering (1)
stated (1)	things (6)	usually (1)	work (16)
statement (1)	think (1)	utilities (3)	worked (2)
States (1)	Thomas (1)	utility (17)	working (2)
station (1)	thought (1)	utmost (1)	Workman (1)
Statute (1)	three (1)		World (5)
stems (2)	three-year (4)	< V >	
stenographic (1)	thresholds (1)	variety (1)	< Y >
stenographically (1)	throne (2)	various (1)	y'all (1)
Stephanie (5)	Tiffany (2)	vehicle (3)	Yarbrough (58)
steps (3)	TIME (12)	vendors (1)	Yeah (1)
structure (1)	timeline (1)	verse (2)	year (14)
structures (2)	tire (5)	veterans (4)	years (6)
Study (1)	tires (3)	violation (1)	Yenni (1)
submittal (2)	Today (5)	visible (1)	yesterday (1)
submitted (1)	told (1)	visitors (1)	you-all (1)
substantial (1)	$\begin{array}{c} \text{tota} (1) \\ \text{top} (3) \end{array}$	Visitors (1) Vista (1)	you-an (1)
successful (1)	topic (1)	vista (1) volt (1)	< Z >
Sunshine (1)	topic (1) top-ranked (1)	voltage (2)	Ziegler (9)
superior (1)	total (1)	voltage (2) volts (1)	Zupa (l)
SUPERVISORS (5)	$\mathbf{TOURISM} (5)$	volume (3)	
Support (5)			
	tours (1)	volumes (3)	
sure (5)	$\begin{array}{c c} \text{training} & (2) \\ \text{transport} & (1) \end{array}$	voted (3)	
surface (1)	$\begin{array}{c c} \text{transcript} & (1) \\ \text{transformer} & (1) \end{array}$	voting (1)	
Susan (1)	$\begin{array}{c c} \textbf{transformer} & (1) \\ \textbf{Transportation} & (1) \end{array}$		
switch (1)	Transportation (1)	$\langle W \rangle$	
system (3)	treatment (1)	walk-in (2)	
Systems (1)	tremendous (1)	want (13)	
T	$\begin{array}{c c} \text{trials} & (1) \\ \hline \end{array}$	wanted (5)	
$\langle T \rangle$	tribulations (1)	wants (1)	
TAKEN (2)	truck (1)	waste (4)	