**Budget Questions and Requests for Information**

**2018-19 Recommended Budget**

**Question #18**

**QUESTION:** There is a significant decrease in our vacancy pool (to zero). Does that translate to a lower vacancy rate and jobs being filled more quickly?

**RESPONDENT:** Kenneth C. Pennoyer, Business Management Director

**Response:**

While it out ongoing goal to fill needed vacancies more quickly, the reduction in vacancy pool is to adjust the amount of non-current revenues budgeted to avoid further draw down of fund balance. Appropriated fund balance and vacancy pool represent the two sources of non-current revenues used to balance the budget that are offset by the expected budgetary savings, which are mostly from lapsed salaries. We did not budget vacancy pool funds in FY19 in order to restore fund balance to the target level. Budgeting Vacancy Pool funds has no impact on the vacancy rate or the speed with which positions are filled.

The following table and graph summarize the change in use of non-current revenues and the year-end addition to fund balance (savings less non-current revenues):

 

