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MINUTES
Board of Water Commissioners
El Estero Conference Room
520 E. Yanonali Street
Monday, February 14, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: James Smith, Barry Keller, Landon Neustadt, Russell Ruiz, Bill Thomas

COUNCILMEMBER PRESENT: Bendy White

STAFF PRESENT: Rebecca Bjork, Water Resources Manager; Chris Toth, Wastewater System Manager, Bill Ferguson, Water Resources Supervisor; Anne Van Belkom, Administrative Assistant

PUBLIC: Charles Hamilton, Carpinteria Valley Water District; Sheila Lodge, Planning Commission Liaison; May Zin, RDN, Inc.; Steve Little

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.

2. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** **None**

3. **COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC:** Mr. Little informed the Water Commission about the rate study plans discussed at the January 25th Goleta Water Board meeting, which will include a review of agricultural rates. Ms. Lodge described the City's demand projection for 2009 as listed in a 1991 City newsletter.

4. **MEETING MINUTES, JANUARY 10, 2011**: MOTION (Ruiz/Smith 4-0-1, with Keller abstaining): to approve the minutes as submitted.

5. **UPDATE WATER RESOURCES STANDARD EQUIPMENT LIST:** Mr. Toth explained the need to update this list from the one approved by Council last June. MOTION (Ruiz/Keller 5-0-0): to approve the staff recommendation.

6. **BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 AND 2013:** Ms. Bjork reviewed the Water and Wastewater revenue projections for FY 12 and 13 and described the priority projects planned for this two-year budget cycle. Councilmember White and Water Commissioners agreed on the importance of stakeholder buy-in and discussed various stakeholders who should be contacted.

7. **LONG-TERM WATER SUPPLY PLAN UPDATE:** Staff received feedback from the Water Commissioners and answered their questions. Commissioners' comments will be addressed in the next draft of the document, which staff will bring back to the Water Commission in March. Council and Water Commission will hold a special joint meeting on April 7 to review the draft plan. Subsequently, staff will prepare a final draft for review and recommendation by the Water Commission in May.

8. **UPDATE ON CACHUMA CONSERVATION AND RELEASE BOARD AND CACHUMA OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE BOARD ISSUES:** COMB, CCRB and District #1 are in the process of developing a conceptual agreement to move fisheries from CCRB into COMB. The Second Barrel Project does not have unanimous support and may not materialize. However, significant repairs and rehabilitation costing approximately $1.5 Million will be required regardless of whether this project goes forward or is abandoned. If this project does not happen, grant funding may be lost.

9. **WATER RESOURCES MANAGER'S REPORT:** Ms. Bjork distributed and reviewed the Monthly Water Resources report on water production, rainfall, and wastewater influent. She announced that staff is beginning the Proposition 218 rate notice process and that, on March 9, 2011, the City will host an Urban Management Plan Workshop in conjunction with DWR.

10. **DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**: It was confirmed that the next meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 14, 2011, at 3:00 p.m. Commissioner Keller stated he will not be able to attend the March meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.