



MINUTES

**Board of Water Commissioners
Public Works Conference Room
630 Garden Street
Monday, June 9, 2008 3:00 p.m.**

- COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Kate Rees, James Smith, Landon Neustadt, Russell Ruiz
- COUNCILMEMBER PRESENT: Iya Falcone
- STAFF PRESENT: Christine Andersen, Public Works Director; Rebecca Bjork, Acting Water Resources Manager; John Schoof, Acting Wastewater System Manager; Cathy Taylor, Water System Manager; Bill Ferguson, Water Resources Supervisor; Anne Van Belkom, Administrative Assistant
- PUBLIC: Addison Thompson, Planning Commission Liaison; - Ronald E. Stronach, Claudia Sigona; Jacqueline Hynes, Jennifer Cushme, and Rosy Dyste (County of Santa Barbara Long Range Planning Division); Tony Fisher, Land Use Attorney; Vern Williams, Flowers & Associates
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:** In response to question from Mr. Little, Mr. Ferguson clarified that City Council will hold a public hearing on proposed utility rate increases on June 17, 2008 and that the Water Commission's recommendation regarding agricultural rates will be considered at that time. The final budget is expected to be adopted on June 24, 2008.
 4. **MEETING MINUTES, MAY 12, 2008:** MOTION (Smith/Ruiz/4-0-0): to approve the minutes as submitted.
 5. **ZACA FIRE EFFECTS:** Ms. Taylor described the continued effects of the Zaca fire including heavy siltation in Gibraltar Reservoir and problematic sludge production resulting from the addition of powdered activated charcoal to remove dissolved organic material as part of the treatment process at Cater. Submissions have been made to the State OES for the recovery of 75% of funds spent as a direct result of the effects of the Zaca fire. Cachuma and Gibraltar continue to be monitored for algae blooms. A special meeting will be scheduled in September for the Water Commission to visit Gibraltar Reservoir.
 6. **CONTRACT FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL PILOT STUDY AND PRELIMINARY DESIGN OF ADVANCED TREATMENT SOLUTIONS FOR CATER WATER TREATMENT PLANT:** Ms. Taylor described the modifications made to the proposal from Carollo Engineers. The scope of work has been revised to include benchscale testing, to be followed by a pilot study of the water quality, which has been degraded by impacts from the Zaca Fire. The change in scope required a revision to the Council Agenda Report that had been reviewed by the Water Commission at the last meeting. MOTION (Neustadt/Ruiz 4-0-0): To concur with the staff recommendation in the Revised Draft Council Agenda Report.
 7. **OUT-OF-CITY SERVICE – MISSION CANYON SPECIFIC PLAN:** Mr. Schoof presented the Mission Canyon Specific Plan that is being updated by Santa Barbara County, and will need approval from both the County and the City. Mr. Schoof also gave a timeline from the initial review process beginning in July 2008 to the adoption of the final plan tentatively scheduled for late spring or summer 2009.
 8. **OUT-OF-CITY WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICE IN SYCAMORE CANYON:** Mr. Schoof described the Sycamore Canyon Landslide Area Proposed Sewer Project planned by the Landslide Repair Foundation (LRF). He also discussed the City's concerns regarding City ownership and maintenance of the proposed sewer lines in this area. Staff will return to the Water Commission with specific recommendations regarding this project.
 9. **FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR OUT-OF-CITY SEWER EXTENSIONS:** Mr. Ferguson reviewed the four affected areas that would be included in the feasibility study for possible extension of the City's sewer system. This consent item will

go before Council on Tuesday, June 10, 2008. MOTION (Ruiz/Smith 4-0-0): To concur with the staff recommendation in the Draft Council Agenda Report.

10. **UPDATE ON WATER SERVICE AREA AND OVERLAP ISSUES:** Mr. Ferguson described the changes to the 1982 Overlap Agreement that are currently being pursued, and showed the Water Commission the specific areas that would be affected. In addition, Mr. Ferguson also presented a map of the Coast Village Road peninsula that is located within the City limits and served by the City's sewer system, but which is not served by the City's water system since these property owners are customers of the Montecito Water District. No changes are proposed for service to the Coast Village Road area.
11. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008:** MOTION (Rees/Ruiz 4-0-0): To elect Commissioner Smith to the position of Chair. MOTION: (Neustadt/Rees): To elect Commissioner Ruiz to the position of Vice-Chair.
12. **WATER RESOURCES MANAGER'S REPORT:** Ms. Bjork distributed and reviewed the Monthly Water Resources report on water production, rainfall, and wastewater influent, and briefed the Water Commission on recent Council action. She also introduced Christine Andersen, the new Public Works Director, to the Water Commission. Ms. Bjork also distributed a copy of an email sent by Commissioner Ruiz to the City Council. At Commissioner Rees's request, an item will be placed on the August 2008 agenda to discuss protocol for Commissioner communications. Commissioner Rees will not be present at the July 14th Water Commission meeting.
13. **DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** It was confirmed that the next meeting was scheduled for Monday, July 14, 2008, at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

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