



MINUTES
Board of Water Commissioners
Public Works Conference Room
630 Garden Street
Monday, July 12, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.

- COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: James Smith, Barry Keller, Landon Neustadt, Russell Ruiz
- COMMISSIONER ABSENT: Bill Thomas
- COUNCILMEMBER PRESENT: Bendy White
- STAFF PRESENT: Rebecca Bjork, Water Resources Manager; Cathy Taylor, Water System Manager; Chris Toth, Wastewater System Manager, Bill Ferguson, Water Resources Supervisor; James Winslow, Project Engineer; and Anne Van Belkom, Administrative Assistant
- PUBLIC: Charles Hamilton, Carpinteria Valley Water District; Anita Ward, Krista Pleiser, and Jim Caldwell, Santa Barbara Association of Realtors; Ichiko Kido and Mary Zin, RDN, Inc.; and Steve Little.
1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.
 2. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** Agenda item #12 was to be discussed as soon as all three members of the Santa Barbara Association of Realtors were present.
 3. **COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC:** None.
 4. **MEETING MINUTES, JUNE 14, 2010:** MOTION (Keller/Neustadt 4-0-0): to approve the minutes as submitted.
 5. **CATER AND ORTEGA GROUNDWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT STATUS UPDATE:** Both projects are moving through the process. It is anticipated that bid openings will begin after Thanksgiving, construction contracts awarded at the end of December, and construction to begin early in 2011.
 6. **GENERAL PLAN UPDATE:** Mr. Ferguson reported that, at the two-day hearing at Council in late June, Councilmembers had different perspectives on some General Plan issues and thus scheduled additional meetings for further review and discussion.
 7. **CAPITAL PROGRAM AND RATE PLAN AD-HOC SUB-COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT:** Commissioners Neustadt and Thomas were recommended with Commissioner Neustadt being appointed. Commissioner Thomas will be contacted to determine his availability. In case he is not available, Commissioner Smith will serve as an alternate.
 8. **CHILEAN EARTHQUAKE PRESENTATION BY BARRY KELLER:** Commissioner Keller showed slides of the Chilean earthquake and compared statistics of this earthquake to earthquake activity around the world.
 9. **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AUDIT OF COLLECTION SYSTEM:** Mr. Toth updated the Water Commission regarding the EPA audit of Wastewater Collection on June 30 and July 1, 2010.
 10. **CONTRACT FOR DESIGN OF THE EL ESTERO WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SUPERVISORY CONTROL AND DATA ACQUISITION WIFI BACKUP SYSTEM:** Mr. Toth explained the need to provide redundancy for the El Estero network in case of the failure of the fiber optic cable. MOTION (Keller/Neustadt 4-0-0): to recommend that Council approve the contract with Beckman Software Engineering for project design and installation services.
 11. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR A CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN.** This loan is sought to fund the Headworks Project and the FOG Pilot Project which are both scheduled within in the next 24 months. MOTION (Smith/Keller 4-0-0): to recommend that Council authorize the City Administrator to execute and deliver an application and complete related actions for a Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan that is to be used at El Estero.

- 12. SEWER LATERAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS** (Agenda item #12 was discussed immediately following Agenda item #6): Council discussed SLIP incentives during their June budget presentation and approved a 90-day moratorium on the incentive component of SLIP. Staff is to return to Council within 90 days with recommendations for future SLIP incentives. A representative of the Santa Barbara Realtors Association spoke in favor of continuing with some type of incentive program. Staff will prepare options for future SLIP incentives and present them to the Water Commission at the August meeting in preparation for the staff presentation to Council tentatively planned for September.
- 13. CACHUMA OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BOARD AND CACHUMA CONSERVATION RELEASE BOARD RE-ORGANIZATION DISCUSSIONS:** Ms. Bjork updated the Water Commission on the current status of the reorganization of COMB and CCRB.
- 14. ELECTION OF WATER COMMISSIONER OFFICERS:** MOTION (Ruiz/Keller 4-0-0): to elect Commissioner Neustadt to the position of Chair. MOTION (Ruiz/Smith 4-0-0): to elect Commissioner Keller to the position of Vice-Chair.
- 15. WATER RESOURCES MANAGER'S REPORT:** Ms. Bjork distributed and reviewed the Monthly Water Resources Manager's report on water production, rainfall, and wastewater flows. The recycled water numbers for May and March need to be investigated. Ms. Bjork also updated the Water Commission on the following: San Luis Obispo County's request for emergency use of available CCWA aqueduct capacity to mitigate the sea water intrusion into their ground water, the status and rehabilitation needs of the pipeline from Solvang to Cachuma, and the status of the COMB Second Barrel Project.
- 16. DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** It was confirmed that the next meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 09, 2010, at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.