



## MINUTES

**Board of Water Commissioners**  
Water Resources Conference Room  
619 Garden Street, 3rd. floor  
**Monday, March 10, 2014, at 3:00 p.m.**

- COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Russell Ruiz, Megan Birney, Barry Keller, James Smith
- COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mike Kielborn
- COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT: Harwood "Bendy" White
- STAFF PRESENT: Joshua Haggmark, Acting Water Resources Manager; Cathy Taylor, Water System Manager; Alison Jordan, Water Conservation Supervisor; Matt Ward, Water Distribution Supervisor; Carson Wollert, Project Engineer; Bill Ferguson, Project Manager; Kelley Dyer, Water Supply Analyst; Anne Van Belkom, Administrative Assistant
- PUBLIC: Deborah L. Schwartz, Planning Commission Liaison; Charles Hamilton, Carpinteria Valley Water District; Gerry Filteau, SPI-Consulting Engineers; Sara Bush, Santa Barbara News-Press; Julie Doane Allmon, URS Corporation
- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m.
  - 2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** None
  - 3. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC:** None.
  - 4. MEETING MINUTES, DECEMBER 9, 2013:** MOTION (Birney/Keller 4-0-0): to approve the minutes as submitted.
  - 5. STAGE ONE DROUGHT UPDATE:** Mr. Haggmark gave a PowerPoint presentation that summarized the most current situation with the drought and reviewed the City's responses to the Stage 1 Drought declaration as it relates to the water supply outlook, future water purchases, Capital and intra-City projects, and conservation efforts.
  - 6. METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE:** Ms. Taylor introduced Mr. Ward who described the Water Meter Replacement Program including meter selection, public outreach, inventory control, staffing needs, replacement schedule and meter management. Mr. Ward will evaluate the program and provide Water Commission with an update. The meters that are being installed are compatible with AMR or AMI technology, should the City choose to use such technology in the future.
  - 7. AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION FOR THE CORPORATION WELLHEAD:** The drilling of the well is completed. This contract is for the pump, related equipment, and piping. MOTION (Keller/Birney 4-0-0): to approve staff's recommendation.
  - 8. CONTRACT FOR DROUGHT RATE SERVICES:** Ms. Taylor and Mr. Ferguson asked the Water Commissioners for their input regarding what they would want to see considered by Raftelis Financial Consultants when developing the Drought Water Rates. Commissioner Keller requested further information on the compliance requirements of Proposition 218 at a future meeting. MOTION (Smith/Keller 4-0-0): to approve staff's recommendation.
  - 9. CONTRACT FOR AMI COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS:** Ms. Taylor walked the Water Commissioners through the reasoning for the AMI cost benefit analysis contract. In general, the Water Commissioners were supportive of considering AMI for the City, as it has proven to be a water conservation tool in other communities. This item will be on consent for approval at Council on April 8, 2014. MOTION (Keller/Birney 4-0-0): to approve staff's recommendation.
  - 10. WATER RESOURCES MANAGER'S REPORT:** Mr. Haggmark distributed and reviewed the Monthly Water Resources report on water production, rainfall, and wastewater influent. Since Councilmember Murillo had expressed an interest in removing silt from Gibraltar, Mr. Haggmark explained to the Commission and audience that such a project would be both cost prohibitive (over \$100 Million to remove 2,000 AF) and extremely challenging in terms of meeting governmental and environmental regulations. Commissioner Ruiz asked staff for a future agenda item

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(separate from State 2 Drought issues) regarding the amounts of water being delivered to each of the three types of water irrigation meters, and how many acres of grass this would represent.

**11. DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** It was confirmed that the next meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 14, 2014, at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Approved: April 14, 2014