



**MINUTES**  
**Board of Water Commissioners**  
**Water Resources Conference Room**  
**3rd floor, 619 Garden**  
**Street**  
**Monday, September 14, 2015, at**  
**3:00p.m.**

**Item 5**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Megan Birney, Mike Kielborn, Dave Davis, Michael Jordan

COMMISSIONER ABSENT: Barry Keller

COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT: Harwood "Bendy" White

STAFF PRESENT: Joshua Haggmark, Water Resources Manager; Chris Toth, Wastewater System Manager; Kelley Dyer, Water Resources Supervisor; Madeline Ward, Acting Water Conservation Coordinator; Donna Kosiek, Administrative Assistant

PUBLIC: Deborah L. Schwartz, Planning Commission Liaison; Mitchell White, Ed Behrman, Colin Bridges, Mark Rincon, Denice S. Adams, Milt Hess

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM
2. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** None
3. **COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC:** Denice Spangler- Adams: resident and customer for 35 years, county resident questioned the Board - Who represents the residents in the county? What process is in place for the fire zone residents? What is the plan for the back flow issue?
4. **MEETING MINUTES JULY 13 , 2015:** MOTION ((Davis/Jordan 3-1 (Birney abstained)): to approve the minutes as submitted.
5. **WASTEWATER SYSTEM UPDATE:** Update presented by Chris Toth- Wastewater System Manager: Mr. Toth gave an update on the wastewater organization and upcoming projects. As of September 14<sup>th</sup> there have been twelve public sewer spills. To help reduce the number of spills, Wastewater plans to: Expand Pilot Chemical Root Control Program,. Extend Use of SL-RAT, Continue FOG Control Program Contract and Utilize Computer Flow Model Software in Land Development Project Reviews.  
  
Collection: SSO Reduction Activities, Aggressive Maintenance/Inspection of Small Diameter Pipes, Continued Capital Goal of Renewing Two Miles of Sewer Mains Annually.  
Two Treatment Capital Projects - Secondary Air Process Improvement Project and Biosolids Processes Upgrade Project.
6. **CONTRACT TO PROVIDE A DESALINATION SUBSURFACE INTAKE INITIAL SCREENING ANALYSIS AND A POTABLE REUSE FEASIBILITY STUDY:** Joshua Haggmark, Water Resources Manager,, presented a recommendation to authorize a contract with Carollo Engineers for \$672,042 to provide a Desalination Subsurface Intake Screening Analysis and Potable Reuse Feasibility Study.  
MOTION (Davis / Birney- 4-0)

- 7. STAGE 3 DROUGHT UPDATE:** Joshua Haggmark, Water Resources Manager, presented a stage 3 drought update. There is no need for new drought regulations due to the 35% reduction for August by the community of Santa Barbara. Lake Cachuma is at 18% capacity as of 9/1/15. Emergency pump project began August 24, 2015, which was included in the budget. Downstream Water Rights Release estimated to be 8,000 acre-feet. Fish Water Releases- downstream releases are currently satisfying release requirements. Tracking remaining water by COMB and County Water Agency with transparency of lake deliveries. Madeline Ward presented a video of aerial footage of reservoirs.
- 8. DISCUSS OPTIONS TO TELEVISION WATER COMMISSION MEETINGS:** Joshua Haggmark, Water Resources Manager, suggested ideas for new meeting times and availability of meeting rooms. Mr. Haggmark suggested a January start date of televising the meetings. Commissioner Davis suggested only televising those meetings that covered "Big Topic Items", instead of every commission meeting. Concerns about early morning meetings for Commissioner Birney. Time limit concerns were voiced by Commissioner Davis- Chair will need to control the time limit of the meetings and keep them to an hour and a half. Mr. Haggmark will look at the availability of 8:00am -10:00am the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of January and report back to the Commission. Commissioner Birney will have to leave early to ensure that she will be able to make it to work by 10:00.
- 9. WATER RESOURCES MANAGERS REPORT:** Mr. Haggmark distributed and reviewed the Monthly Water Resources report on water production, rainfall, and wastewater influent. Mr. Haggmark reported that the water rate increases went into effect in July 2015. Little customer complaints have been noted. 18% lower revenue, which is lower than expected and could lead to implementing surcharges. If this trend continues there could be a 7 million dollar loss by the end of the year.
- 10. DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** It was confirmed that the next Water Commission meeting will be held on Monday, October 12, 2015, at 3:00p.m. in the Water Resources Conference Room located at 619 Garden Street, 3rd Floor.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.