



**MINUTES**  
**Board of Water Commissioners**  
**Water Resources Conference Room**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 619 Garden Street**  
**Monday, October 12, 2015, at 3:00 p.m.**

- COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Barry Keller, Mike Kielborn, Dave Davis, Michael Jordan, Megan Birney
- COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: N/A
- COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT: Bendy White, Not Present
- STAFF PRESENT: Joshua Haggmark, Water Resources Manager; Cathy Taylor, Water System Manager; Madeline Ward, Acting Water Conservation Coordinator; Donna Kosiek, Administrative Assistant
- PUBLIC: Deborah L. Schwartz, Planning Commission Liaison; James Smallwood
1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.
  2. **ROLL CALL**
  3. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** None
  4. **COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC:** James Smallwood presented a mission statement for renewable energy and providing clean drinking water (Left handouts for the board to review).
  5. **MEETING MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 14, 2015:** MOTION (Davis/Kielborn 3-0-1): to approve the meeting minutes with the following change (change #4 vote to 3-0-1). Keller abstained due to being absent during September meeting.
  6. **ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE BUSINESS CASE SUMMARY AND NEXT STEPS.** Ms. Taylor gave a presentation on the Business Case and Next Steps for Advanced Metering Infrastructure for Reading Utility Meters. Included in the Business Case were enhanced customer service, improved water system O & M, and water loss indicator features for the new metering infrastructure. Recent conservation numbers are 35-37%. If AMI can push it another 5%, it would help meet post-drought water conservation goals. It was recommended to not proceed with AMI at this time, unless grant funding becomes available. A detailed RFP will be prepared for a system wide AMI project. Motion: (Keller/Birney 5-0-0): approve staff's recommendation.
  7. **STAGE 3 DROUGHT UPDATE:** Mr. Haggmark discussed the weather forecast and status of El Niño. There has been a 36% cumulative average monthly demand reduction since the Stage 3 Drought declaration in May. There is enough water supply from purchased water to get through the 2016 water year. Staff is working with the other Cachuma Member Units and Bureau to better understand how the actual evaporative losses will be accounted for in the remaining water in the lake. The current evaporation equation recognizes about 20-30% of the actual evaporation from the lake. Lake Cachuma is currently at 32,216 Acre Feet as of 10/12/15 (16.7% of capacity). Lake Cachuma operations include the downstream water rights release that wrapped up in September 2015. Cachuma Member Units are tracking water deliveries from the lake to ensure transparency and avoid the issue of another agency using more than their remaining allocation. Madeline Ward discussed the free shower head program that is currently underway county wide. She gave a presentation on how easy it is to detect leaks in toilets. Ms. Ward discussed recycled customer fill stations and informed the Water Commission of the approvals that would be needed from the Regional Board and Division of Drinking Water to have such a program. Mr. Haggmark discussed the staffing and space challenges with operating a recycled water fill station. Ms. Ward also discussed a recycled water hauling program that compares to the program in place at the Goleta Water District.
  8. **CONFIRMATION OF NEW TIME, DAY AND LOCATION FOR WATER COMMISSION MEETINGS STARTING JANUARY 2016.** The Water Commission confirmed that the new meeting date, time, and location will be on the third Thursday of the month, from 8:00-10:00 a.m. in the David Gebhard Public Meeting room, beginning in January 2016. Motion: (Jordan/Davis: 5-0-0): to approve staff's recommendation.

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- 9. WATER RESOURCES MANAGER'S REPORT:** Mr. Haggmark announced that Ms. Dyer is now the Water Supply Manager and that staff is looking to fill her previous position of Analyst. Mr. Haggmark reminded the Water Commission about the upcoming ACWA Meeting to be held in Buellton on October 25-26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Haggmark distributed and reviewed the Monthly Water Resources report on water production, rainfall, and three month weather outlook and temperature probability outlook. Gibraltar Reservoir is considered to be empty, as the approximate 500 AF of remaining water is of very poor quality. Staff is still determining how best to manage this reservoir in the years to come. Mr. Haggmark reviewed storage in Cachuma as related to the current drought and the 1986-93 drought.
- 10. DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** It was confirmed that the next Water Commission meeting will be held on Monday, November 9, 2015, at 3:00 p.m., in the Water Resources Conference Room located at 619 Garden Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.