



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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Megan Birney, Mike Kielborn, Dave Davis, Michel 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 P.M.
2. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** None
3. **COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC:** Denice S. Adams: County resident and customer for 35 years, had the following questions for the Water Commission. 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 4-0-1, with Birney abstaining): to approve the minutes as submitted.
5. **WASTEWATER SYSTEM UPDATE:** Mr. Toth gave an update on the Wastewater organization and upcoming projects. As of September 14th there have been twelve public sewer spills. To help reduce the number of spills, Wastewater Collection plans to expand the pilot Chemical Root Control Program, extend the use of SL-RAT, continue the FOG Control Program, and contract and utilize the Computer Flow Model Software in Land Development Project reviews. Wastewater Collection is has the following projects: SSO reduction activities, aggressive maintenance/inspection of small diameter pipes, and the continued Capital goal of renewing two miles of sewer mains annually. The Treatment Capital projects include the Secondary Air Process Improvement Project and the 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 4-0-1) to approve staff's recommendation.
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. The Emergency Pump project began August 24, 2015, which was included in the budget. Downstream Water Rights Release is estimated to be 8,000 acre-feet. Downstream water releases are currently satisfying the release requirements for the Fish Water Releases. Tracking remaining water will be by COMB and the 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 for the televising of the meetings. Commissioner Davis suggested only televising those meetings that covered "Big Topic Items", instead of every commission meeting. Commissioner Birney has

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concerns about the early morning meetings. Time concerns were also voiced by Commissioner Davis. The 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 an 8:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m. time slot on the 4th Thursday of January and report back to the Commission. Commissioner Birney will have to leave earlier than 10:00 a.m. to ensure that she will be able to make it to her work office by 10:00 a.m.

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. Few customer complaints have been noted. Revenue is 18% lower than expected which could lead to the implementation of surcharges. If this low revenue 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.

Approved: October 12, 2015