



MINUTES
Board of Water Commissioners
David Gebhard Public Meeting Room
630 Garden Street (Parking lot Site Entrance)
Monday, April 21, 2016, 8:00 a.m. – 10 a.m.

ITEM 5A

- COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Barry Keller, Mike Kielborn, Dave Davis, Michael Jordan, Megan Birney
- STAFF PRESENT: Joshua Haggmark, Water Resources Manager; Kelley Dyer, Water Supply Manager; Allison L. DeBusk, Project Planner; Anne Van Belkom, Administrative Assistant; Patricia Fletcher, Administrative Specialist
- PUBLIC: Deborah L. Schwartz, Planning Commission Liaison; Pete Dal Bello; Giana Magnoli, Noozhawk
1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 8 a.m.
 2. **ROLL CALL** All present
 3. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** None
 4. **COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC:** None
 5. **CONSENT ITEMS:**
 - a. **MEETING MINUTES FOR March 17, 2016.**
 - b. **RAYNE BRINE DISCHARGE AGREEMENT.**
 - c. **PURCHASE ORDER FOR ZERO DISCHARGE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FLUSHING SERVICES.**

MOTION (Davis/Birney 5-0-0): to approve the minutes as submitted and to approve staff's recommendations.

6. **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**
 - a. **2015 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN STATUS UPDATE:** Ms. Dyer updated Water Commission on the preliminary schedule for development and adoption of the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP), the California Water Act requirements, the basis of the planning effort, and major changes and key findings found in the 2015 UWMP since the 2010 UWMP. Commissioner Jordan, Birney, and Davis requested that the UWMP be brought back for further discussion in May after the draft UWMP had been released. Commissioner Davis requested staff invite Mr. Fayram from the Santa Barbara County Water Agency to the May Water Commission meeting to provide an update on regional issues including Lake Cachuma. Commissioners Birney and Davis asked to continue discussions on a proposed schedule for updating the LTWSP that considers timing of future Cachuma yield issues as well as the current drought, with a goal to update the LTWSP before the next required 2020 UWMP update.
 - b. **AMENDED STATE THREE DROUGHT DECLARATION:** Mr. Haggmark reviewed the successive steps the City has taken over the past four years to respond to the worst drought of record in Santa Barbara. With the community's success in extraordinary water conservation, staff determined that at this time the appropriate action would be an increase in the conservation target. On April 26, 2016, Council will be requested to approve an amendment to Resolution 15-036 that will increase the water conservation target from 25% to 35%, matching the current conservation efforts of the community. This coupled with supplemental water purchases and the reactivation of the Desalination Plant in 2016, would ensure that the City has adequate water supplies to meet demand through 2018. Ms. DeBusk presented the planned and current water demand from development projects and the estimated savings associated with various phased development restrictions. Staff will continue to monitor water supply and demand statuses and will make recommendations to Council regarding changes in water use regulations and development restrictions as appropriate. MOTION (Davis/Jordan 5-0-0) to recommend that Council adopt a Resolution amending Resolution 15-036 to amend the State 3 Drought Emergency Declaration by increasing the percent reduction from normal citywide water use from 25% to 35%.

7. **MONTECITO WATER DISTRICT WATER SALES AGREEMENT STATUS UPDATE:** Mr. Haggmark updated the Water Commission on the status of discussions regarding a potential Water Sales Agreement with the Montecito Water District (MWD), utilizing the Charles E. Meyer Desalination Plant (Plant) as a regional water supply. Commissioner Davis recommended that staff clearly inform the public about the benefits of this agreement in that the construction of the conveyance of water to MWD (paid for by Montecito) could potential benefit the City in the future if the Desal plant were expanded for City use. Next steps will include a reimbursement agreement with MWD for their share of the costs associated with continued negotiations. Nick Turner, the new General Manager for MWD, introduced himself to the Water Commission and gave a brief overview of the status and plans for MWD. MOTION (Birney, Davis 5-0-0) to recommend that Council receive the update on the Montecito Water District Sales Agreement.
8. **WATER RESOURCES MANAGER'S REPORT:** Mr. Haggmark informed the Water Commission that the groundwater basins were struggling to meet water demand since three of the City's wells needed maintenance and/or repair. Recycled water was able to keep up with demand but summer is anticipated to exceed the current available production. The City's consultant is of the opinion that the current yield of 750,000 gallons per day could be increased (1.5 Million gallons per day is anticipated to be needed to meet summer demands). Commissioner Birney requested that the status and plan for the Recycled Water system be brought back in May for more discussion. Wastewater rate notices are being mailed out this week and the Water Commission will receive an update on the status of the Wastewater budget in May ahead of the June 14, 2016 rate hearing. Commissioner Jordan was congratulated for being selected as the Downtown Santa Barbara Volunteer of the Year. Motion (Davis, Jordan 5-0-0): Summary: invite Mr. Fayram from the Santa Barbara County Water Agency to the May meeting to provide an update on regional water issues including Lake Cachuma, bring back the UWMP for further discussion in May after the draft has been released, include time estimates for each item on next month's agenda in order to be able to cover all items within the two-hour time frame.
9. **DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** Thursday, May 19, 2016, David Gebhard Public Meeting Room, 630 Garden Street (Parking Lot Side Entrance)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 A.M.

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