



MINUTES
Board of Water Commissioners
Public Works Conference Room
630 Garden Street
November 10, 2008 3:00 p.m.

- COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: James Smith, Barry Keller, Landon Neustadt, Kate Rees, Russell Ruiz
- STAFF PRESENT: Rebecca Bjork, Water Resources Manager; John Schoof, Wastewater System Manager; Cathy Taylor, Water System Manager; Bill Ferguson, Water Resources Supervisor; Robert Peirson, Finance Director, Anne Van Belkom, Administrative Assistant
- PUBLIC: Charles Hamilton (Carpinteria Valley Water District); Steve Little
1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.
 2. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** None
 3. **COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC:** None
 4. **MEETING MINUTES, OCTOBER 13, 2008:** MOTION (Keller/Neustadt 4-0-1, with Rees abstaining): to approve the minutes as submitted.
 5. **CITY FINANCIAL UPDATE:** Mr. Peirson gave an update on the City's financial status. He discussed recent impacts on City tax revenue and explained the City's investment policies, noting that none of the investments are in the stock market.
 6. **SEWER LATERAL INSPECTION PROGRAM:** Mr. Schoof presented an overview of the Sewer Lateral Inspection Program (SLIP) which was initiated in January 2007. While the program has been extremely successful, Mr. Schoof noted that there were several challenges that need to be addressed. Staff plans to present the Water Commission and Council with proposed modifications to the SLIP program for their review and recommendations.
 7. **ZACA FIRE WATER QUALITY:** Ms. Taylor reported that Cater continues to treat high levels of dissolved organic carbon in the water. Staff is also continuing to work with the state on DSR's in order to receive reimbursements for costs associated with water treatment following the Zaca Fire. While written confirmation is still needed, staff has received tentative approval regarding the DSR's that have already been written. In addition, staff has also been informed that they will be able to continue to submit additional DSR's.
 8. **PASS THROUGH AGREEMENT – LETTER AGREEMENT FOR WARREN ACT CONTRACT PREPARATION:** Ms. Bjork reviewed the recommendation to approve a letter agreement between the City and Reclamation to allow for the preparation of a short-term agreement (allowing expedited implementation of pass through operations) as well as a long-term agreement, to meet the requirements of the Warren Act. MOTION (Rees/Keller 5-0-0) to recommend approval of the letter agreement for the preparation of the Warren Act Contract.
 9. **WATER RESOURCES MANAGER'S REPORT:** Ms. Bjork distributed and reviewed the Monthly Water Resources report on water production, rainfall, and wastewater influent. She reported on preliminary information from the first draft of the Desalination Rehabilitation Study. She announced that two large contracts are up for bid: the Water Main Rehabilitation Project and the San Roque Well - Phase 2 Project. Staff was asked to agendize two items: discussion of Water Commission input regarding the concurrent Plan Santa Barbara and EIR scoping processes, and discussion of possible options to remediate the siltation problem at Gibraltar Reservoir.
 10. **DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** It was confirmed that the next meeting was scheduled for December 8, 2008, at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Approved: Monday, December 8, 2008

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