



MINUTES
Board of Water Commissioners
Public Works Conference Room
630 Garden Street
Monday, April 13, 2009, 3:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: James Smith, Barry Keller, Landon Neustadt, Russell Ruiz

COUNCILMEMBER PRESENT: Iya Falcone

STAFF PRESENT: Rebecca Bjork, Water Resources Manager; Cathy Taylor, Water System Manager; Bill Ferguson, Water Resources Supervisor; Manuel Romero, Wastewater System Superintendent; Scott Vincent, Assistant City Attorney; Barbara Shelton, Project Planner; Anne Van Belkom, Administrative Assistant.

PUBLIC: Charles Hamilton, Carpinteria Valley Water District; Kate Rees, COMB; Hillary Hauser and Stephanie Mutz, Heal the Ocean; Dan Gira, AMEC; Tony Fischer, Steve Little.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.
2. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** None.
3. **COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC:** None.
4. **MEETING MINUTES, MARCH 9, 2009:** MOTION (Ruiz/Neustadt 4-0-0): to approve the minutes as submitted.
5. **PURCHASE ORDER FOR EMERGENCY SEWER REPAIRS AT CABRILLO BOULEVARD AND CALLE CESAR CHAVEZ:** Mr. Romero spoke on behalf of Mr. Schoof who was unable to attend. Mr. Romero described the February 25th incident that required immediate emergency repair by a highly experienced contractor with specialized equipment and staff to perform the work. Both Mr. Romero and Ms. Bjork praised City staff for their quick response that resulted in a zero overflow, zero injury outcome. The City will be pursuing the recovery of costs associated with the repair of the broken main and cleanup of the area with the property owner.
6. **CATER TREATMENT PLANT ADVANCED TREATMENT DESIGN AND RESOLUTION OF INTENTION.** This item will be presented at City Council on April 28, 2009. The contract with Carrollo Engineers will allow for the final design for the advanced treatment solutions at Cater in order to maintain compliance with existing and upcoming drinking water rules and standards, including the more stringent guidelines that will become effective in 2012. Since the City must proceed with the design of the treatment system ahead of securing financing in order to meet EPA deadlines for the DPB ruling, the City has applied for a State Revolving Fund loan to repay any borrowed monies from City reserves. MOTION (Keller/Ruiz 4-0-0): to recommend that Council declare its official intent to reimburse certain expenditures from proceeds of indebtedness, and to authorize the Public Works Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Carollo Engineers for the design of Advanced Treatment Solutions for the Cater Treatment Plant.

Following the completion of Agenda Item 6, Ms. Bjork requested to take Agenda Item #9 ahead of Agenda Item #7.

7. **REVIEW OF DEVELOPED WATER SUPPLY SOURCES:** Mr. Ferguson gave a slide presentation on the current status of the City's developed water supplies and discussed issues that may affect future reliability. Commissioner Ruiz suggested that the South Coast agencies share information instead of individually hiring consultants to complete similar studies. Commissioners Neustadt and Ruiz expressed concern about whether reliability assumptions for the State Water Project were conservative enough. Commissioner Ruiz also suggested that more conservative assumptions be used with regard to Lake Cachuma deliveries.
8. **PLAN SANTA BARBARA EIR:** Ms. Shelton discussed the roles and responsibilities of the various entities involved in the Plan Santa Barbara EIR process. She reported that the draft EIR should be completed later this year with a Final EIR ready for consideration by Council in mid year 2010. As the project manager, Ms. Shelton noted that it would be her responsibility, in conjunction with her supervisor and Planning Division management, to make the determination as to the water supply baseline to be identified in the EIR. Ms. Shelton reviewed the development alternatives that will be analyzed in the EIR.

9. **CCRB BUDGET:** Ms. Bjork reviewed the draft CCRB budget for FY 2010, noting that the budget is scheduled for review and input by City Council prior to adoption by CCRB, to be then returned to City Council for ratification. MOTION (Ruiz/Neustadt 4-0-0): to recommend that City Council review and approve the Cachuma Conservation Release Board Draft Budget.

Commissioner Ruiz left at 5:21 p.m.

10. **SENATE BILL 565 – MANDATORY RECYCLING OF WASTEWATER:** Ms. Bjork shared her apprehension about the “one size fits all” approach of Senate Bill No. 565 and stated her intent to draft a letter that would outline the City’s concerns and offer specific recommendations that would broaden the scope of this bill and make it less vague. MOTION (Keller/Neustadt 3-0-0): to recommend that Council authorize a City letter expressing concerns about Senate Bill No. 565 as currently written and suggesting modifications.

11. **WATER RESOURCES MANAGER’S REPORT:** Ms. Bjork distributed and reviewed the monthly Water Resources Manager’s Report on water production, rainfall, and wastewater influent. Anticipated demand is at 91% of planned. Based on the amount of rainfall this year, it appears to be another dry year. In response to a request by Ms. Bjork, Commissioner Neustadt volunteered to be one of the award presenters at the Video Contest Award Ceremony on May 19, 2009. The location of next month’s Water Commission meeting may possibly occur at Cater in order to accommodate a site visit that was requested by Commissioner Neustadt.

12. **DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** It was confirmed that the next meeting was scheduled for May 11, 2009, at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Approved Monday, June 8, 2009 AVB