



MINUTES
Board of Water Commissioners
Public Works Conference Room
630 Garden Street
September 14, 2009 3:00 p.m.

- COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Russell Ruiz, James Smith, Barry Keller, Bill Thomas
- COUNCILMEMBER PRESENT: Iya Falcone
- STAFF PRESENT: Rebecca Bjork, Water Resources Manager; Cathy Taylor, Water System Manager; Bill Ferguson, Water Resources Supervisor; Theresa Lancy, Acting Water Resources Specialist, Anne Van Belkom, Administrative Assistant, Misty Millward, Administrative Specialist
- PUBLIC: Steve Little, Ben Preston, Karen Torgeson, Ryan Torgeson, Charles Hamilton, Carpinteria Valley Water District
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:** None.
 4. **MEETING MINUTES, AUGUST 10, 2009:** MOTION (Smith/Thomas 3-0-1): to approve the minutes as submitted.
 5. **WATER TREATMENT SOLIDS DISPOSAL:** Ms. Taylor informed the Water Commission that a purchase order for water treatment sludge disposal at the Toland Road Landfill would be presented to Council for approval on September 15, 2009. This purchase order was necessary to comply with sludge disposal regulations based on current composition of the sludge.
 6. **WATER BILL ADJUSTMENTS AFTER JESUSITA FIRE:** Ms. Lancy summarized the water bill adjustments and explained how adjustments were determined after the Jesusita Fire.
 7. **WATER SUPPLY PLANNING STUDY:** Ms. Bjork emphasized to the Water Commissioners that the recommendations in the handout were not staff recommendations but recommendations from the consultant to the City. Mr. Ferguson reviewed the staff summary of the Water Supply Planning study and answered questions for Water Commissioners.
 8. **AGREEMENT WITH USGS FOR SURFACE WATER AND GROUNDWATER MONITORING:** Mr. Ferguson described the annual agreement with USGS for surface water gauging at Gibraltar Reservoir and on Mission Creek and groundwater monitoring at 71 wells in the City's groundwater basins. MOTION (Keller/Smith, 4-0-0): to recommend that Council authorize the Public Works Director to execute the agreement.
 9. **STEELHEAD RECOVERY PLAN:** The deadline for this item has been extended for 60 days. After a brief discussion of the scope and purpose of the draft plan, Ms. Bjork reported that the item would be placed on a future agenda. Chair Ruiz requested the name of the website address that contains the information about this plan.
 10. **WATER RESOURCES MANAGER'S REPORT:** Ms. Bjork distributed and reviewed the Water Resources Manager's report on water production, rainfall, and wastewater influent. It was noted that demand for the 2009 water year is expected to be just below 14,000 AF. Commissioner Keller announced that he will be present at the October Water Commission meeting but may not be available from November through February 2010.
 11. **DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** It was confirmed that the next meeting was scheduled for October 12, 2009, at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Approved: October 12, 2009