



**MINUTES**  
**Board of Water Commissioners**  
**Public Works Conference Room**  
**630 Garden Street**  
**Monday, April 12, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.**

- COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: James Smith, Barry Keller, Russell Ruiz
- COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Landon Neustadt, Bill Thomas
- COUNCILMEMBER PRESENT: Bendy White
- STAFF PRESENT: Rebecca Bjork, Water Resources Manager; Cathy Taylor, Water System Manager; Bill Ferguson, Water Resources Supervisor; John Ledbetter, Principal Planner, Barbara Shelton, Project Planner, Anne Van Belkom, Administrative Assistant,
- PUBLIC: Sheila Lodge, Planning Commissioner; Charles Hamilton, Carpinteria Valley Water District; Bob Niehaus, Mary Zin, and Ichiko Kido from Robert D. Niehaus, Inc.; and Steve Little.
1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 3:20 p.m.
  2. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** **None**
  3. **COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC:** Mr. Niehaus, consulting economist, introduced himself and his staff and expressed interest in providing assistance to the Water Commission.
  4. **MEETING MINUTES, MARCH 8, 2010:** MOTION (Smith/Keller 3-0-0): to approve the minutes as revised.
  5. **SCADA PROJECT UPDATE:** Ms. Taylor reported on the status of selecting qualified contractors to perform SCADA support work for Water Resources.
  6. **CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN RESOLUTION:** Staff is pursuing a Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan to fund needed projects at El Estero. A requirement of the application for this loan is a council resolution authorizing application for the loan. MOTION (Keller/Smith 3-0-0): to recommend that Council approve the resolution authorizing the application for the Clean Water Revolving Fund Loan.
  7. **PLAN SANTA BARBARA – DRAFT EIR AND GENERAL PLAN UPDATE DOCUMENTS.** The Water Commission discussed comments received on the draft EIR from the General Plan Sub-Committee and other Water Commissioners. Mr. Ledbetter and Ms. Shelton (Community Development) were present to answer questions. Planning staff requested that all of the Draft EIR comments be combined into a single document that could be approved by the Water Commission at the next meeting. Ms. Shelton informed the Water Commission that she would need to have all of the comments by May 17<sup>th</sup>.
  8. **CACHUMA CONSERVATION RELEASE BOARD – DRAFT FY 2011 BUDGET REVIEW:** Ms. Bjork presented the draft CCRB budget. Because CCRBs existence beyond 2010 is uncertain, the budget is presented as two 6-month budgets.
  9. **AGRICULTURAL WATER RATES:** Ms. Bjork asked the Water Commission how they would like to see this issue handled since it has already been discussed numerous times in the past two years. There was a discussion among the commissioners. The Water Commission will take action on recommended rate changes at their May meeting.
  10. **HYDROELECTIC PLAN RECOMMISSION STATUS:** Staff is continuing to work to try and get title to the property where the plant is located so it can be recommissioned without onerous FERC licensing requirements.
  11. **STATUS OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR WATER METER READING STUDY.** Mr. Ferguson informed the Commission that he will be drafting an RFP for a study to evaluate future options for water meter reading.

12. **WATER RESOURCES MANAGER'S REPORT:** Ms. Bjork distributed and reviewed the Monthly Water Resources report on water production, rainfall, and wastewater flows. Mr. Ferguson asked for a volunteer to act as a co-presenter of video awards for a high school video competition that will occur in early May. Commissioner Neustadt was suggested, and Commissioner Ruiz offered his services as a back up.

13. **DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** It was confirmed that the next meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 10, 2010, at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Approved: May 10, 2010

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