



**MINUTES**  
**Board of Water Commissioners**  
**Public Works Conference Room**  
**630 Garden Street**  
**Monday, May 10, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.**

- COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: James Smith, Barry Keller, Landon Neustadt, Russell Ruiz, Bill Thomas
- COUNCILMEMBER PRESENT: Bendy White
- STAFF PRESENT: Rebecca Bjork, Water Resources Manager; Cathy Taylor, Water System Manager; Bill Ferguson, Water Resources Supervisor; Chris Toth, Wastewater System Manager; Manuel Romero, Wastewater Collection System Superintendent; Andrew Rhodes, Water Treatment Superintendent; Susan Thomson, retired Water Treatment Superintendent; James Winslow, Project Engineer; Autumn Smith, Project Engineer; Anne Van Belkom, Administrative Assistant.
- PUBLIC: Charles Hamilton, Carpinteria Valley Water District; Sheila Lodge, Planning Commission; Steve Little; Issam Najm; May Zin; Rebecca Lee
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, APRIL 12, 2010:** MOTION (Keller/Smith 3-0-2), with Keller/Neustadt abstaining: to approve the minutes as submitted.
  5. **PRESENTATION ON ZACA FIRE EFFECTS ON WATER QUALITY:** The Commission received a slide presentation from Dr. Najm on the effects of the Zaca Fire on water quality, and the resulting costs.
  6. **WATER COMMISSION COMMENTS ON PLAN SANTA BARBARA DEIR AND DRAFT GENERAL PLAN POLICIES:** Water Commissioners reviewed and discussed a final draft of a comment memo on the Plan Santa Barbara DEIR and Draft General Plan Policies. MOTION (Keller/Neustadt) 5-0-0, to approve and transmit the final comment memo.
  7. **PROPOSED REVISIONS TO SEWER LATERAL INSPECTION PROGRAM.** The Commission heard a proposal from Mr. Toth about the incentive component of the Sewer Lateral Inspection Program (SLIP). MOTION (Thomas/Neustadt 5-0-0): to recommend that the SLIP be placed on hold for one year.
  8. **CONTRACT WITH GERALD JONES FOR WASTEWATER ASSET MANAGEMENT:** Mr. Toth reviewed the draft Council Agenda Report and summarized the history of asset management services provided by Gerald Jones of Linjer, Inc. MOTION (Thomas/Keller 5-0-0): to concur with the staff recommendation that Council approve the contract with Linjer, Inc. for wastewater asset management services.
  9. **FISCAL YEAR 2011 WATER FUND AND WASTEWATER FUND RECOMMENDED BUDGETS:** Ms. Bjork presented a summary of the proposed Water and Wastewater budgets. This item will be brought back to the Water Commission in June for recommendation.
  10. **PLANNED FISCAL YEAR 2011 WATER AND WASTEWATER RATE INCREASES:** Ms. Bjork presented a summary of proposed rate increases, reviewed reserve balance projections, discussed the history of agricultural water rates, and responded to Commission questions. MOTION (Neustadt/Keller 5-0-0): to recommend that Council approve staff's recommended Water and Wastewater rate increases. Staff requested Mr. Little to direct his efforts to reduce Agricultural Water Rates to Council for consideration of the policy for Agricultural Rates.

- 11. CACHUMA OPERATIONS MAINTENANCE BOARD SECOND BARREL PROJECT:** Ms. Bjork reported that this project is out to bid and that the City intends to borrow only the net amount of project costs after receipt of anticipated grant funds.
- 12. WATER RESOURCES MANAGER'S REPORT:** Ms. Bjork distributed and reviewed the monthly Water Resources Manager's report on water production, rainfall, and wastewater flows. Commissioner Neustadt requested an update on the COMB/CCRB situation which will be presented at the June meeting.
- 13. DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** It was confirmed that the next meeting was scheduled for Monday, June 14, 2010, at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Approved: June 14, 2010