



MINUTES
Board of Water Commissioners
Public Works Conference Room
630 Garden Street
Monday, August 9, 2010, at 3 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; Chris Toth, Wastewater System Manager; Todd Heldoorn, Wastewater Treatment Superintendent; Bob Roebuck, Project Manager II, Anne Van Belkom, Administrative Assistant.
- PUBLIC: Sheila Lodge, Planning Commission liaison; Jim Caldwell, Krista Pleiser, Santa Barbara Board of Realtors, May Zin and Bob Niehaus, RDN, Inc; Thron Riggs; Chris Roebuck; Steve Little; Robert Burke.
1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m.
 2. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** Agenda item # 9 immediately followed Agenda item # 5. Agenda items # 11 and #12 were deferred until the next Water Commission meeting.
 3. **COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC:** None.
 4. **MEETING MINUTES, JULY 12, 2010:** MOTION (Smith/Ruiz 4-0-1, with Thomas abstaining): to approve the minutes as submitted.
 5. **PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO THE SEWER LATERAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM.** The Commission heard a proposal from Mr. Toth regarding revised options for the incentive component of the Sewer Lateral Inspection Program (SLIP). The Commission was unable to reach agreement on a recommendation to Council. This agenda item will be heard again at the next Water Commission meeting. Councilmember White urged staff to emphasize the need for main rehabilitation when presenting this item to Council.
 6. **TOUR OF EL ESTERO WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND RECYCLED WATER TREATMENT PLANT.** Mr. Heldoorn conducted a tour of the secondary and tertiary treatment processes at El Estero.
 7. **RECYCLED WATER TREATMENT PLANT REHABILITATION PROJECT:** Mr. Toth explained that the most efficient way to address the recycled water filtration plant is to improve secondary effluent filterability through changes in the activated sludge process. A study is underway to evaluate the activated sludge process. This six-month process will begin later this month and will provide an overall assessment of the aeration system. The draft report should be available by the end of the year with a final report scheduled to be completed by February 2011.
 8. **WATER RESOURCES PROPERTIES:** The Water Commission was provided with a list of all Water Resources facilities. Ms. Bjork clarified that these properties are owned by the City and not by the Water Fund. Ms. Bjork also clarified the plans for the Ortega Groundwater Treatment Plant property. Staff will request that the ownership of this property be transferred from the RDA back to the City at the time staff comes before Council to request approval for construction. Ms. Bjork agreed to update the Water Commission on changes of ownership for any of these properties and provide an annual report on all changes regarding these properties.
 9. **HYDRO-ELECTRIC PLANT STATUS REPORT:** Mr. Roebuck described the steps required to allow recommissioning of the hydro-electric plant. The first step is for the City to obtain ownership of this parcel from the US Bureau of Reclamation which will allow the City to obtain a conduit exemption in order to be exempt from onerous and duplicative regulatory requirements

- 10. CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR SEWER SYSTEM MAINTENANCE PLAN:** Mr. Toth informed the Water Commission that staff is looking for consultants who can coordinate a work effort related to sewer system asset management activities. The selected consultant will need to be extremely well versed in Cartegraph. Commissioner Thomas volunteered to sit on the selection committee.
- 11. REPORT FROM WATER COMMISSION AD HOC GENERAL PLAN SUB-COMMITTEE:** This item was deferred to the September Water Commission meeting.
- 12. 2010 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORTS (P3S) AND 2011 WORKPLAN:** This item was deferred to the September Water Commission meeting.
- 13. WATER RESOURCES MANAGER'S REPORT:** Ms. Bjork distributed and reviewed the Monthly Water Resources report on water production, rainfall, and wastewater influent. The Water Commission was updated on the status of the Pass-Through Agreement, the COMB re-organization, and the 2nd Barrel Project. Ms. Bjork also informed the Water Commission that staff will be requesting Council to approve an Award of Design for the above-ground pipeline on Sycamore Canyon on August 17, 2010.
- 14. DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** It was confirmed that the next meeting was scheduled for Monday, September 13, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. Future meetings will be held in the El Estero Conference Room at 520 East Yanonali Street. Chair Neustadt will not be available for the September meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Approved: September 13, 2010