



MINUTES

**SPECIAL WATER COMMISSION MEETING
JOINT WORK SESSION WITH CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, April 7, 2011 at 3:30 p.m.
Chase Palm Park Center, 236 E. Cabrillo Boulevard**

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Helene Schneider, Grant House, Harwood (Bendy) White, Dale Francisco, Frank Hotchkiss, Michael Self, Randy Rowse

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: James Smith, Landon Neustadt, Russell Ruiz, Bill Thomas

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Barry Keller

STAFF PRESENT: Jim Armstrong, City Administrator; Rebecca Bjork, Water Resources Manager; Cathy Taylor, Water System Manager; Bill Ferguson, Water Resources Supervisor; Sarah Knecht, Assistant City Attorney; Barbara Shelton, Project Planner; Alison Jordan, Water Conservation Coordinator; Theresa Lancy, Water Resources Technician; Anne Van Belkom, Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m. Councilmember Francisco came in at 3:35 p.m.

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None

3. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC: Jim Smallwood provided comment

4. WORK SESSION: JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND WATER COMMISSION WORK SESSION - LONG TERM WATER SUPPLY PLAN UPDATE: Ms. Bjork presented historical background and described available water supplies, planning concepts, and key policy issues requiring consideration in order to update the Water Supply Plan and prepare the state-mandated Urban Water Management Plan. Councilmembers and Water Commissioners asked Ms. Bjork for additional clarification before giving their feedback and comments. Mayor Schneider summarized the key points presented by various Councilmembers and Water Commissioners:

- a. The use of a six-year drought period for planning purposes, instead of a five-year drought, is appropriate.
- b. Addition of water banking and purchased water should be pursued as drought supplies where feasible to help meet the goal of deferring use of the desalination facility until year six of a drought.
- c. A 10% safety margin is prudent given the uncertainty of water supplies in California.
- d. The expansion of recycled water connections should continue, where cost effective and to the extent capacity is available.
- e. Elimination of blending of recycled water with potable water is a good goal, subject to identifying cost effective means of doing so, including potential grant funding,
- f. Sedimentation management at Gibraltar, including vegetation management through controlled burns, is worth investigating even with the Pass Through Agreement. The multi-agency effort to manage sedimentation at Cachuma should include recognition of the benefit of allowing sediment to continue down the river to nourish beaches.
- g. A policy about maintaining the reliability of the water delivery infrastructure should be included in the plan.
- h. An ongoing conservation program will be needed to maintain reductions achieved to date and achieve further reductions.
- i. Extraordinary demand reductions of up to 15% during an occasional severe drought seem reasonable; remembering that citizens will respond effectively during a drought period to help meet the goal.

5. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.



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Board of Water Commissioners
El Estero Conference Room
520 E. Yanonali Street
Monday, April 11, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.

- COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: James Smith, Barry Keller, Landon Neustadt, Russell Ruiz
- COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Bill Thomas
- STAFF PRESENT: Rebecca Bjork, Water Resources Manager; Bill Ferguson, Water Resources Supervisor; Anne Van Belkom, Administrative Assistant
- PUBLIC: Ichiko Kido (RDN, Inc.)
1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m.
 2. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** None
 3. **COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC:** None.
 4. **MEETING MINUTES, MARCH 14, 2011:** MOTION (Ruiz/Smith 3-0-1, with Keller abstaining): to approve the minutes as submitted.
 5. **LONG TERM WATER SUPPLY UPDATE – FINAL WATER COMMISSION COMMENTS PRIOR TO PREPARATION OF FINAL DRAFT (ATTACHMENT):** Commissioners reviewed and commented on draft policy language for recycled water and infrastructure reliability. They requested that the marginal costs of water supplies be included as appropriate in staff presentations. Staff was requested to give the Water Commission periodic updates on drought supplies MOTION (Ruiz/Keller 4-0-0: to recommend that Council approve the final draft of the updated Long Term Water Supply Plan as amended to date.
 6. **WATER RESOURCES MANAGER'S REPORT:** Ms. Bjork distributed and reviewed the monthly Water Resources report on water production, rainfall, and wastewater influent, and summarized the status of current water supplies. During the first quarter of 2011, Wastewater Collection experienced two SSO's totaling 13 gallons, all of which was recovered. Caltrans accidentally struck a 12 inch sewer main while installing pilings at the Milpas Street Roundabout. Staff is looking at alternatives for a permanent solution to correct this situation. The Cater Project is out to bid. Staff is meeting with Channelkeeper on April 12, 2011.
 7. **DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** It was confirmed that the next meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 9, 2011 at 3:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.