



MINUTES
Board of Water Commissioners
Water Resources Conference Room
619 Garden Street, 3rd floor
Monday, November 14, 2011, at 3:00 p.m.

- COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** James Smith, Barry Keller, Landon Neustadt, Russell Ruiz, Bill Thomas
- STAFF PRESENT:** Rebecca Bjork, Water Resources Manager; Cathy Taylor, Water System Manager; Chris Toth, Wastewater System Manager, Bill Ferguson, Water Resources Supervisor; Irma Unzueta, Project Planner; Anne Van Belkom, Administrative Assistant
- PUBLIC:** Sheila Lodge, Planning Commissioner, Charles Hamilton, Carpinteria Valley Water District; Bill Rosen, Goleta District Representative to CCWA; Alyssa Hall; Stephanie Leung
- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.
 - 2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** Agenda item #6 was added to allow Mr. Rosen to make a presentation to the Water Commission regarding CCWA voting.
 - 3. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC:** None.
 - 4. MEETING MINUTES, OCTOBER 10, 2011:** MOTION (Ruiz/Neustadt 3-0-0, with Keller and Thomas abstaining): to approve the minutes as submitted.
 - 5. GENERAL PLAN UPDATE:** Ms. Unzueta presented the General Plan Update on behalf of Mr. Ledbetter. The Plan Santa Barbara (Plan SB) General Plan update, and the Mitigation and Management Reporting Program will be presented at Council at 9 AM on December 1, 2011, for consideration of adoption. All electronic documents, except for the Council Agenda Report, will be available on the City's Website (www.YouPlanSB.org) as of November 16th. Actual physical documents and CD copies will be available on November 18th.
 - 6. CCWA VOTING:** Mr. Bill Rosen, Goleta Water District Representative to CCWA, presented alternatives to the current voting methods of CCWA in order to balance the voting powers among the CCWA members.
 - 7. CATER ADVANCE TREATMENT PROJECT UPDATE:** Ms. Taylor gave a brief update of the project's progress to date. She discussed the plans for handling the five scheduled plant shutdowns required for the project and informed the Water Commission that the first shutdown was successfully completed with no problems reported during the plant shutdown.
 - 8. CHANNELKEEPER LITIGATION UPDATE:** Mr. Toth updated the Water Commission on the current status of the Channelkeeper litigation.
 - 9. 2011 ANNUAL WATER SUPPLY MANAGEMENT REPORT:** Ms. Bjork and Mr. Ferguson presented the report to the Water Commission and asked for comments. The Commissioners made suggestions for modifications to the report. MOTION (Ruiz/Neustadt 5-0-0): to recommend that Council approve the Water Supply Management Report.
 - 10. FEE RESOLUTION CHANGES:** Mr. Ferguson discussed proposed changes to meter charges for inactive accounts. There was also discussion about the appropriate rate of charge for buy-in to the recycled water system. Staff received preliminary input from Water Commissioners and will return at future meetings with proposed modifications to fees and charges.
 - 11. COMB/CCRB RE-ORGANIZATION UPDATE:** Ms. Bjork briefly reviewed the COMB/CCRB reorganization which currently appears to be at an impasse.
 - 12. WATER RESOURCES MANAGER'S REPORT:** Ms. Bjork distributed and reviewed the Monthly Water Resources report on water production, rainfall, and wastewater treatment for the first month of the new water year. Mr. Ferguson

will be retiring on December 15th of this year. Commissioner Keller will be out of the country and unable to attend the Water Commission meeting in December but will be back in January 2012.

13. DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: It was confirmed that the next meeting was scheduled for Monday, December 12, 2011, at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.