



**MINUTES**  
**Board of Water Commissioners**  
**Water Resource Conference Room**  
**619 Garden Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor**  
**Monday, June 13, 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; Joshua Haggmark, Supervising Civil Engineer; Cameron Benson, Creeks Division Manager; Anne Van Belkom, Administrative Assistant

PUBLIC: Kate Rees, COMB and CCRB General Manager; Alex Keuper, Carpinteria Valley Water District, Steve Little.

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, MAY 9, 2011:** MOTION (Ruiz/Keller 5-0-0): to approve the minutes as submitted.
5. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012:** MOTION (Ruiz/Thomas): to elect Commissioner Keller to the position of Chair. MOTION (Ruiz/Thomas): to elect Commissioner Smith to the position of Vice-Chair.
6. **UPDATE ON CATER ADVANCED TREATMENT AND ORTEGA GROUNDWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECTS:** Mr. Haggmark updated the Water Commission on the status of the bid protests and any potential effects on the two projects. Ms. Bjork informed Water Commissioners that the Ortega Groundwater Treatment Plant property was transferred from RDA back to the City.
7. **CONTRACT FOR BIOSOLIDS DISPOSAL:** Mr. Toth reviewed the contract and answered Commissioners' questions. MOTION (Thomas/Keller 5-0-0): to approve staff's recommendation regarding the contract for biosolids disposal.
8. **UPDATE ON CHANNELKEEPER LAWSUIT:** Ms. Bjork updated the Water Commission on the current status of Channelkeeper's lawsuit. The City has hired two firms to provide expertise in technical engineering and hydraulic modeling (pipes) to assist staff with technical support.
9. **ADOPTION OF LONG TERM WATER SUPPLY PLAN & URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE:** The Water Commission had no changes from the previous recommendation. MOTION (Thomas/Ruiz 5-0-0): to authorize Commissioner Keller to represent the Water Commission on this agenda item at Council on June 14, 2011.
10. **UTILITY RATE INCREASES AND MODIFICATION OF LEAK RELIEF ELIGIBILITY PROCEDURES:** Mr. Little provided a handout and spoke against rate increases for agricultural customers. MOTION (Thomas/Ruiz 5-0-0): to authorize Commissioner Keller to represent the Water Commission on this agenda item at Council on June 14, 2011.
11. **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – WATER RATE STUDY:** Ms. Bjork suggested that one or two Water Commissioners participate in the RFP process. Commissioner Neustadt volunteered to participate. Commissioners also requested specific direction from Council as to the appropriateness of agricultural rates.
12. **CACHUMA OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BOARD – 2012 BUDGET AND UPDATE ON REORGANIZATION:** Ms. Rees reviewed COMB's final budget and discussed the current status of the reorganization. The COMB budget will be presented to the COMB Board on June 27, 2011.
13. **CACHUMA PROJECT DEIR:** Ms. Rees updated the Commissioners on the status of the Water Right Hearing and gave a detailed explanation of the history of the draft EIR and the latest draft version currently under consideration.

- 14. WATER FUND ASSETS:** Ms. Bjork provided the Water Commission with a list of Assets for Water and Wastewater from the CAFR as well as a list of properties that Water Resources has an interest in or where facilities are located. An updated list will be provided on an annual basis.
- 15. RECYCLED WATER USER AGREEMENTS:** Mr. Ferguson reviewed the Recycled Water Use Agreements that will come before Council for approval on June 28, 2011. MOTION (Thomas/Smith 5-0-0): to recommend that Council adopt an ordinance approving the recycled water use agreements.
- 16. WATER RESOURCES MANAGER'S REPORT:** Ms. Bjork distributed and reviewed the Monthly Water Resources Manager's report on water production, rainfall, and wastewater influent. Due to Cachuma still spilling, staff maximized deliveries from Cachuma, taking 1,192 AF of water, with only about 277 AF counting against current year entitlement. Gibraltar is also still spilling but no water can be taken due to the water quality. There were no sewer spills in May and the 2011 total thus far remains at two spills. Commissioner Thomas will not be present at the July 11<sup>th</sup> Water Commission meeting.
- 17. DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** It was confirmed that the next meeting was scheduled for Monday, July 11, 2011, at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Approved: July 11, 2011.