



MINUTES
Board of Water Commissioners
Water Resources Conference Room
619 Garden Street, 3rd floor
Monday, December 12, 2011, at 3:00 p.m.

- COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: James Smith, Bill Thomas, Landon Neustadt
- COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Russell Ruiz, Barry Keller
- COUNCILMEMBER PRESENT: Harwood (Bendy) White
- STAFF PRESENT: Rebecca Bjork, Water Resources Manager; Cathy Taylor, Water System Manager; Chris Toth, Wastewater System Manager, Bill Ferguson, Water Resources Supervisor; Theresa Lancy, Water Resources Specialist; Lisa Arroyo, Supervising Engineer; Anne Van Belkom, Administrative Assistant
- PUBLIC: Kate Rees, CCRB General Manager; Bruce Mowry, COMB General Manager; Barbara Curry, RDN; Jeff Barry; Steve Little
1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.
 2. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** Agenda item #4 should indicate Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2011, instead of October 9, 2011.
 3. **COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC:** None.
 4. **MEETING MINUTES, NOVEMBER 10, 2011:** MOTION (Neustadt/Thomas): to approve the minutes as submitted.
 5. **INFLUENT MONITORING AT EL ESTERO WASTEWATER PLANT:** Ms. Arroyo described the metering and sampling project which will consist of a one-year contract with renewal options for subsequent years. Requests for proposals were sent to four firms with all proposals due on December 15th, 2011. (Neustadt/Thomas 3-0-0): to recommend that Council approve staff's recommendation.
 6. **UPDATE ON CATER WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND ORTEGA GROUNDWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECTS:** Ms. Taylor updated the Water Commissioners on the status of the projects. Water Commission requested a tour of the construction activities at the Cater Water Treatment Plant. Staff will schedule the tour in either January or February of 2012. The work at the Ortega Groundwater Treatment Plant is progressing.
 7. **WATER SMART GRANT APPLICATION:** Ms. Lancy described the project that would be submitted for the Bureau of Reclamation Water Smart Grant Program. MOTION (Thomas/Neustadt 3-0-0): to recommend that Council approve the application for the Water Smart Program.
 8. **TERTIARY TREATMENT PRELIMINARY DESIGN:** Mr. Toth explained process selection and the scope of work. (Neustadt/Thomas 3-0-0): to recommend that Council approve the Professional Services Agreement with Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc.
 9. **UPDATE ON APPLICATION FOR WARREN ACT AGREEMENT:** Mr. Ferguson updated the Water Commission on the status of efforts to obtain a Warren Act Agreement from USBR. Results of modeling studies have indicated that the City's move from mitigation to pass-through was well timed.
 10. **PROPOSED FEE RESOLUTION CHANGES:** Mr. Ferguson discussed the rate resolution issues under preliminary review for FY12, and asked the Water Commission to comment on the anticipated changes.
 11. **UPDATE ON STATE WATER BOARD HEARING STATUS:** After giving the Water Commissioners a brief history of the lengthy EIR process, Ms. Rees informed the Water Commission that the Final EIR has now been completed. There will be a hearing on the final EIR at the end of March 2012.

- 12. UPDATE ON CCRB/COMB REORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES:** Ms. Rees gave the Water Commission the latest updates regarding the CCRB/COMB reorganization.
- 13. UPDATE OF THE COMB MODIFIED UPPER REACH PROJECT:** Mr. Mowry explained the proposed COMB Modified Upper Reach Project and described the work to be performed
- 14. WATER RESOURCES MANAGER'S REPORT:** Ms. Bjork distributed and reviewed the Monthly Water Resources report on water production, rainfall, and wastewater influent. She expressed her gratitude and appreciation to Bill Thomas for his tenure on the Water Commission and to Bill Ferguson for his 28 years of City service. The General Plan was adopted by Council on December 1, 2011. A tour covering the new construction activities at Cater will be scheduled for either January or February 2012. On behalf of the Water Commission, Commissioner Smith officially thanked Bill Thomas and Bill Ferguson for their service to the Water Commission and to the City.
- 15. DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** It was confirmed that the next meeting was scheduled for Monday, January 9, 2012, at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Approved: January 9, 2012