



**MINUTES**  
**Board of Water Commissioners**  
**Water Resources Conference Room**  
**619 Garden Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor**  
**Monday, May 14, 2012, at 3:00 p.m.**

- COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: James Smith, Barry Keller, Landon Neustadt, Russell Ruiz
- COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Harwood "Bendy" White
- STAFF PRESENT: Robert Samario, Finance Director; Rebecca Bjork, Water Resources Manager; Cathy Taylor, Water System Manager; Chris Toth, Wastewater System Manager; Michelle DeCant, Public Works Business Manager; Theresa Lancy, Water Resources Specialist; Anne Van Belkom, Administrative Assistant
- PUBLIC: Don Cutler, Greg Wetterau, and Marie Burbano, CDM Smith; Sheila Lodge, Planning Commission Liaison; Rob Lane; Steve Little; Megan Birney
1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.
  2. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** None
  3. **COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC:** None.
  4. **MEETING MINUTES, APRIL 9, 2012:** MOTION (Neustadt/Smith 4-0-0): to approve the minutes as submitted with the correction of Ms. Lancy's title to Water Resources Specialist.
  5. **CITY RESERVE POLICIES:** Mr. Samario described the current reserve policies for the four categories of reserves that were originally adopted in FY1995, and the Finance Committee's interest in reevaluating and possibly modifying the current policies. If a new policy is adopted, it will affect the water and wastewater funds. This item will be agendized to allow the Water Commission to give input to Council on this issue.
  6. **RECYCLED WATER TREATMENT PLANT ASSESSMENT:** Staff from CDM Smith, gave a PowerPoint presentation describing the pros and cons of the various technologies available to improve the quality of recycled water. Both the overall costs and the effectiveness of the different treatments were considered. MOTION (Keller/Landon 4-0-0): to recommend that Council approve the utilization of the full microfiltration option to treat recycled water as well as recommend that staff work with CDM Smith to resolve the TDS source problem.
  7. **CATER AND ORTEGA GROUNDWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECTS UPDATE:** Ms. Taylor updated the Water Commission on the status of the Cater and Ortega Groundwater Treatment Plant projects. The Dewatering Building at Cater will be online in August 2012. Contaminated soil was found at the Ortega Groundwater Treatment Plant which will be excavated the weekend of May 19<sup>th</sup>.
  8. **PURCHASE OF WATER FROM CARPINTERIA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT:** Ms. Bjork recommended the purchase of Cater water from Carpinteria Valley Water District for the purpose of adding to water reserves as part of the drought planning strategy developed in the Long Term Water Supply Plan. MOTION (Smith/Ruiz 4-0-0): to recommend that Council approve the water purchase from the Carpinteria Valley District.
  9. **WATER RATE ASSESSMENT AND FINANCIAL PLAN DEVELOPMENT:** Ms. Bjork requested a Water Commissioner to represent the Water Commission on the Water Rate Assessment and Financial Plan Development Committee. Commissioner Neustadt was appointed as the Water Commission representative.
  10. **RATIFICATION OF CCRB 2013 BUDGET:** Ms. Bjork summarized the CCRB budget and asked Water Commissioners to recommend that Council approve the ratification of the 2013 CCRB budget. MOTION (Neustadt/Ruiz 4-0-0): to recommend that Council ratify the CCRB 2013 Budget.
  11. **WATER RESOURCES MANAGER'S REPORT:** Ms. Bjork distributed and reviewed the Monthly Water Resources report on water production, rainfall, and wastewater influent. Gibraltar Reservoir was turned off due to turbidity but is now back online. The Foothill Basin will be placed offline this summer to rest it due to low water levels. Water

Commissioners were supplied with the resumes and technical qualifications of the Channelkeeper consulting engineer and technical staff that also included the project description and staff qualifications for the supplemental environmental project.

**12. DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** It was confirmed that the next meeting was scheduled for Monday, June 11, 2012, at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.