



MINUTES
Board of Water Commissioners
Water Resources Conference Room
619 Garden Street, 3rd. floor
Monday, July 8, at 3:00 p.m.

- COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: James Smith, Barry Keller, Russell Ruiz, Megan Birney, Mike Kielborn
- COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT: Harwood "Bendy" White arrived at 3:10 p.m.
- STAFF PRESENT: Rebecca Bjork, Water Resources Manager; Cathy Taylor, Water System Manager; Chris Toth, Wastewater System Manager; Lisa Arroyo, Supervising Engineer; James Winslow, Project Engineer; Matt Ward, Water Distribution Superintendent; Madeline Ward, Water Resources Technician; Anne Van Belkom, Administrative Assistant
- PUBLIC: Dale Francisco City Councilman, Ray Stokes, CCWA Executive Director; Charles Hamilton, Carpinteria Valley Water District; Jeff Savard, Kennedy/Jenks; Steve Amerikaner.
1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 3.00 p.m.
 2. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** None
 3. **INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONER:** Ms. Bjork introduced the new Water Commissioner, Mike Kielborn, who has had previous experience with both Water and Wastewater projects as a Civil Engineer.
 4. **COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC:** None.
 5. **MEETING MINUTES, JUNE 10, 2013:** MOTION (Birney/Keller 3-0-2, with Ruiz and Kielborn abstaining): to approve the minutes as submitted.
 6. **APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS:** Commissioner Ruiz briefly explained his preference for officer rotation. MOTION (Ruiz/Keller 5-0-0): to appoint Commissioner Birney to the position of Vice-Chair. MOTION (Keller/Birney 5-0-0): to appoint Commissioner Ruiz to the position of Chair. Chair Ruiz asked staff to keep the Water Commission updated on the seven agenda topics he presented in a printed outline.
 7. **CENTRAL COAST WATER AUTHORITY BAY DELTA CONSERVATION PLAN PRESENTATION:** Mr. Stokes gave a PowerPoint presentation describing the CCWA, the Bay Delta problems, and the need for a Bay Delta Conservation Plan. The proposal for a twin-tunnel system was presented along with its potential costs and risks. While Governor Jerry Brown wants the Delta issue resolved, the plan is extremely controversial with many competing proposals. Commissioner Ruiz asked that the Water Commission receive a copy of the chart of Projected CCWA State Water Costs 2012-2039.
 8. **AGREEMENT FOR THE ENHANCED CHEMICAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PILOT PROJECT:** This agenda item will be presented at Council for their approval on July 16, 2013. Brown and Caldwell will begin a pilot project to test the effectiveness of chemical additions to the primary treatment process. The addition of ferric chloride upstream and a polymer downstream is expected to help increase the capture of organic solids and reduce solids loading in the secondary system. If successful, a permanent installation will be included in the final design of the Aeration Basin System Improvement Project. MOTION (Keller/Smith 5-0-0): to concur with staff's recommendation.
 9. **METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM PRESENTATION:** Ms. Taylor gave a presentation on the City's aging water meters, and a plan for replacing them. She also discussed the three technologies for meter data collection: manual reading, Automated Meter Reading (AMR), and Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI). Ms. Taylor concluded that AMI is a proven technology, and the benefits associated with AMI would best serve the City. Ms. Taylor's next step is to create a robust business case for transitioning the City's water meters to an AMI system, which she will present to the Water Commission.

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- 10. 2013 PUBLIC HEALTH GOAL REPORT:** Ms. Taylor presented a report on the City of Santa Barbara's water quality, relative to the Public Health Goals. This report is required every three years, per mandate of SB 1307 (Calderon-Sher), for water purveyors with over 10,000 service connections who detect one or more contaminants in the drinking water that exceeds the Public Health Goals. The current report indicates that the City of Santa Barbara's drinking water complies with all health-based drinking water standards and all CDPH and USEPA water quality MCL regulations. There were no comments from the Water Commission or members of the public about the report.
- 11. CONSENT DECREE UPDATE:** Mr. Toth gave a brief overview of the events that led to the Channelkeeper litigation and the Consent Decree. Copies of correspondence between the City and Channelkeeper were included in the Commissioners' packets. Chair Ruiz asked that the Water Commission continue to receive these updates.
- 12. WATER SUPPLY UPDATE AND 13. WATER RESOURCES MANAGER'S REPORT:** Ms. Bjork's report combined both related agenda items. Commissioners received a handout identifying projected surface water storage locations listing current storage and end of water year projected carryover storage. Also included was a 6-year Dry Weather Water Supply Projection plan as of June 2013 that gives a current picture of how the planned sources of water and their projected amounts would be used through each of the 6 years with below average rainfall. In her manager's report, Ms. Bjork indicated that the weather outlook is for hotter than average and that Gibraltar has had the lowest rainfall year since records were kept. As of June 30, 2013, there are still only three public sewer spills. Ms. Bjork discussed the failure of the pumping system that provides water to Hilton Creek and stated that she believes the USBR needs to design a robust system to deliver water to Hilton Creek. There will be a closed session for the State Board hearing the first week in October. Staff is working to obtain a Warren Act Agreement that can be realized by this coming winter to enable storage of Gibraltar water in Lake Cachuma.
- 13. DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** There will not be a meeting in August 2013. It was confirmed that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 9, 2013, at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Approved: September 9, 2013