



MINUTES

Board of Water Commissioners

Water Resources Conference Room

619 Garden Street, 3rd. floor

Monday, December 9, 2013, at 3:00 p.m.

- COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Russell Ruiz, Megan Birney, James Smith, Barry Keller, Mike Kielborn
- COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT: Harwood "Bendy" White arrived 3:15 p.m.
- STAFF PRESENT: Joshua Haggmark, Interim Acting Water Resources Manager; Cathy Taylor, Water System Manager; Chris Toth, Wastewater System Manager; Supervisor; Bob Roebuck, Project Manager II; Lisa Arroyo, Supervising Engineer; Kelley Dyer, Water Supply Analyst; Anne Van Belkom, Administrative Assistant
- PUBLIC: Charles Hamilton, Carpinteria Valley Water District; Arve and Eva Sjovold; Matt Naftaly (SBCWA); Daniele Johnson; Milana Skiff; Kristin Klein (RDN)
- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.
 - 2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** None. Commissioner Ruiz informed the Commission about the retirement of Public Works Director, Christine Andersen. Rebecca Bjork has been appointed as the Acting Public Works Director while Joshua Haggmark has been appointed as the Acting Water Resources Manager. Mr. Haggmark, a registered Civil Engineer, gave the Commission a brief overview of his work experience related to Water Resources.
 - 3. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC:** Mr. Arve Sjovold requested that the City look into the possibility of saving Steelhead Trout by allowing water coming out of the Cold Springs tunnel to flow into Cold Springs Creek instead of being discharged into the pipe. Commissioner Ruiz suggested that Mr. Sjovold put this request into a letter addressed to Mr. Haggmark.
 - 4. MEETING MINUTES, OCTOBER 14, 2013:** MOTION (Smith/Keller 5-0-0): to approve the minutes as submitted.
 - 5. STAGE 2 DISINFECTION BYPRODUCT REPORT:** Ms. Taylor reported on the results from eight sample stations which indicated that using ozone as part of the pretreatment process has proven to be effective in decreasing overall TTHM levels.
 - 6. AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENT TO SCE FOR INTERCONNECTION AT THE CITY'S HYDROELECTRIC PLANT:** Mr. Roebuck explained the requirements for SCE to complete the interconnection and the impediments to putting power into the SCE grid. MOTION (Keller/Birney 5-0-0): to approve staff's recommendation.
 - 7. CONTRACT FOR RE-COMMISSIONING GIBRALTAR HYDROELECTRIC PLANT:** Mr. Roebuck explained the contract with SOAR Technology to re-commission the plant and to provide for the plant's operation for one year. In addition, as part of this contract, Rockwell Construction Services, LLC. will provide construction management and inspection services. MOTION (Smith/Kielborn 5-0-0): to approve staff's recommendation.
 - 8. ANNUAL WATER SUPPLY REPORT:** Ms. Dyer reviewed the report that will be presented to Council January 7, 2014, and asked for additional input from the Water Commissioners. The Commissioners suggested modification and gave their comments which will be included in the final report that will be presented to Council. Ms. Dyer was requested to present a report to the Commission in February regarding the 2014 State Water Order and drought planning. MOTION (Birney/Kielborn 5-0-0): to concur with staff's recommendation.
 - 9. CONTRACT FOR SANITARY CHEMICAL ROOT CLEANING SERVICES:** Mr. Toth said that two firms will be providing this service in order for the City to determine which firm has the superior product and service. Both firms are EPA certified and have indicated that there will be no adverse impacts on surface waters or wastewater quality, MOTION: Birney/Kielborn 5-0-0): to approve staff's recommendation.
 - 10. CONTRACT FOR FATS, OILS AND GREASE INSPECTION PROGRAM SERVICES:** Mr. Toth explained why this service is being contracted out at this time. However, this service is ultimately planned to be handled once again by City staff. MOTION (Keller/Birney 5-0-0): to concur with staff's recommendation.

- 11. CONTRACT TO FINAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR LIFT STATION IMPROVEMENTS:** Ms. Arroyo described this contract to install redundant parallel force mains. This is the first of a number of projects that were recommended in the previously completed assessment report. MOTION (Keller/Smith 5-0-0): to concur with staff's recommendation.
- 12. CONTRACT FOR ASSESSMENT SERVICES FOR SOLIDS HANDLING SYSTEM AT EL ESTERO WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT:** Mr. Toth described this project as a continuation of projects being completed to revamp the El Estero Wastewater Treatment Plant. MOTION (Keller/Smith 5-0-0): to concur with staff's recommendation.
- 13. WATER RESOURCES MANAGER'S REPORT:** Mr. Haggmark updated the board on the status of Lake Cachuma which included a bathymetric survey being performed by the County (results in February 2014) along with the efforts of COMB to prepare for the possible installation of a pumping facility if the water were to drop below the Tecolote Tunnel Intake. Since Commissioner Keller informed staff that he would be unable to attend the Water Commission meeting in January, Commissioner Ruiz suggested we could cancel the January meeting if there were no significant matters to discuss. .
- 14. DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** Upon further review of upcoming items, there is a time sensitive item that requires input from the Water Commission in January. Therefore the next meeting will be held on **Monday, January 13, 2014, at 3:00 p.m.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Approved: February 10, 2014.