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Board of Water Commissioners
 Water Resources Conference Room
 619 Garden Street, 3rd. floor
Monday, February 10, 2014, at 3:00 p.m.

- COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Russell Ruiz, Megan Birney, Barry Keller, James Smith, Mike Kielborn
- STAFF PRESENT:** Joshua Haggmark, Acting Water Resources Manager; Cathy Taylor, Water System Manager; Chris Toth, Wastewater System Manager; Alison Jordan, Water Conservation Supervisor; Kelley Dyer, Water Supply Analyst; Anne Van Belkom, Administrative Assistant
- PUBLIC:** Deborah L. Schwartz, Alternate Planning Commission Liaison; Charles Hamilton, Carpinteria Valley Water District; Hillary Hauser, Heal the Ocean; Ichiko Kido, Daniel Brown, and Brianna Briggs, RDN; Mark Rincon, MNS; Julie Doane-Allmon, URS; Jeff Franic
1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.
 2. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** None
 3. **COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC:** Ms. Schwartz introduces herself as the new Planning Commission liaison and expressed her strong interest in upcoming water issues.
 4. **MEETING MINUTES, DECEMBER 9, 2013:** MOTION (Smith/Keller 5-0-0): to approve the minutes as submitted.
 5. **STATE ONE DROUGHT DECLARATION:** Mr. Haggmark informed the Water Commission that staff will give a presentation before Council on February 11, 2014, to request a Resolution for a Stage One Drought Declaration. This declaration will include a voluntary 20% reduction in overall water usage. MOTION (Keller/Smith 5-0-0): to approve staff's recommendation. Commissioner Ruiz asked for the following items to be agendaized for future meetings: groundwater production scenarios, recycling facility's completion schedule, desalination approval issues, and the overall management of decreasing water levels between now and October 2014 at Lake Cachuma.
 6. **AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE WATER:** Mr. Haggmark presented staff's plans for handling the anticipated 5,400 AF of water shortage which will be presented at Council on February 11, 2014. This includes a purchase of up to 4,500 AF of supplemental water, an increase in appropriations in the Water Operating Fund from reserves, and an increase in the contract with Bartkiewicz, Kronick & Shanahan for specialized water rights legal services. MOTION: (Keller/Smith 5-0-0): to approve staff's recommendation.
 7. **CONTRACT FOR EL ESTERO WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT TERTIARY FILTRATION PLANT REPLACEMENT:** Due to a current Bid Protest, staff hopes to be able to award the winning bid in March 2014. Hillary Hauser from Heal the Ocean spoke in support of this project and is hoping to be able to obtain additional funding to assist in the completion of this project. The Water Commission asked Ms. Hauser to prepare an executive summary describing how Heal the Ocean communicates with the City. MOTION (Keller/Kielborn 5-0-0): to approve staff's recommendation.
 8. **PURCHASE ORDERS FOR PRIMARY COAGULANT CHEMICALS AT THE CATER WATER TREATMENT PLANT:** Testing of these chemicals is a rigorous process. Staff is requesting funding approval to perform a full-scale plant trial of a particular primary coagulant; and if it proves successful, staff would like approval to purchase the coagulant for long-term use at Cater. Commissioner Keller requested to have the specific chemicals identified. Following the meeting, Ms. Taylor informed Mr. Keller that proposed coagulant is aluminum based. MOTION (Keller/Birney 5-0-0): to approve staff's recommendation.
 9. **WATER AND WASTEWATER RATE INCREASES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015:** Ms. Taylor and Mr. Toth discussed their plans for both Water and Wastewater rate increases for FY2015. Water rates are expected to increase 3%. In addition, staff plans to hire a consultant to develop a temporary conservation-based water rate structure. Mr. Toth described the three revenue adjustment scenarios and their impacts on revenues and debt through FY 2022. For the

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FY2015 rate recommendation, Scenario 2 was selected with a proposed 5.5% rate increase for the first two years and a 5% increase in subsequent years. In addition, the existing two commercial classification groups will be converted to four commercial classification groups and their rates will be based on the strength of sewage produced by each of the four classifications. Staff will perform additional outreach to commercial customers in the higher classes. MOTION (Birney/Kielborn 5-0-0): to approve staff's recommendation.

10. WATER RESOURCES MANAGER'S REPORT: Ms. Haggmark distributed and reviewed the Monthly Water Resources report on water production, rainfall, and wastewater influent. The actual number of SSO's for 2014 through January 31st was corrected to three public spills. Staff will ask Council to approve the Hydroelectric Facility Contract Issues on February 11, 2014. Well production is being ramped up and water is also being taken out of Gibraltar Reservoir. Commissioner Birney requested staff to make a detailed budget presentation to the Water Commission at the March 10th meeting regarding the originally approved budget versus the actual expected budget for FY2014.

11. DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: It was confirmed that the next meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 10, 2014, at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.