



MINUTES

Board of Water Commissioners
Water Resources Conference Room
619 Garden Street, 3rd. floor
Monday, April 14, 2014, at 3:00 p.m.

- COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Russell Ruiz, Barry Keller, James Smith, Mike Kielborn
- COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Megan Birney
- COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT: Harwood "Bendy" White
- STAFF PRESENT: Michele DeCant, Public Works Business Manager; Joshua Haggmark, Acting Water Resources Manager; Cathy Taylor, Water System Manager; Alison Jordan, Water Conservation Supervisor; Lisa Arroyo, Supervising Civil Engineer; Theresa Lancy, Water Resources Specialist; Kelley Dyer, Water Supply Analyst; Bob Roebuck, Project Manager II; Bill Ferguson, Project Manager; Anne Van Belkom, Administrative Assistant
- PUBLIC: Deborah L. Schwartz, Planning Commission Liaison; Sudhir Pardiwala and Hanna Phan, Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc.; S. Busch, Santa Barbara News-Press; Julie Doane Allmon, URS.
- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m.
 - 2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** None
 - 3. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC:** None
 - 4. MEETING MINUTES, MARCH 10, 2014:** MOTION (Keller/Smith 4-0-0): to approve the minutes as submitted.
 - 5. STAGE ONE DROUGHT UPDATE:** Mr. Haggmark gave an update on the status of the current drought. Water demand is down 15%. However, Santa Barbara is only at 46% of normal rainfall and the forecast is for drier than normal conditions. The new bids came in for the Tertiary Filtration Plant project but there was another bid protest. Staff is currently moving forward with plans to declare a Stage Two Drought Declaration on May 20, 2014 based on water supply projections. The Stage Two Drought Declaration will be a main focus of discussion at the May 12, 2014, Water Commission meeting. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was requested to be sent to Commissioners Birney and Ruiz.
 - 6. PROPOSED STATE TWO DROUGHT WATER RATES:** Ms. Dyer gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed drought water rates. Staff will make a presentation to Council on April 15, 2014, to request approval for sending the drought water rate notice to customers, in accordance with Proposition 218 noticing requirements. The next step is a public hearing on these rates on June 10, 2014, with formal adoption of the drought rates by Council on June 17, 2014. Approved rates would be effective July 1, 2014. MOTION (Keller/Smith 4-0-0): to approve staff's recommendation. Commissioner Ruiz asked staff to include irrigation customers in the proposed rate changes which are designed to apportion the highest rate increases to heavy water users.
 - 7. STAGE TWO DROUGHT WATER USE REGULATIONS:** Mr. Ferguson reviewed the proposed water use regulations which are planned to be presented to Council on May 13, 2014, with formal adoption scheduled for May 20, 2014. Commissioner Keller requested more leeway regarding self-closing valve restrictions on hoses. MOTION (Keller/Smith 4-0-0): to approve staff's recommendation.
 - 8. CONTRACT FOR PRELIMINARY DESIGN SERVICES FOR RECOMMISSIONING THE DESALINATION FACILITY:** Mr. Roebuck informed the Water Commission that three firms responded to the Requests for Proposals for Preliminary Design Services. The City put together a seven person panel, which included two MWD members, to interview all three qualified firms. The panel found Carollo Engineers to be the most qualified and is currently in negotiations. This item will be presented to Council on May 6, 2014, for award of the Preliminary Design Services Contract. Updates on this agenda item will be presented to the Water Commission in September 2014. MOTION (Smith/Keller 4-0-0): to approve staff's recommendation.

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- 9. CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION FOR TERTIARY FILTRATION PLANT REPLACEMENT PROJECT:** Ms. Arroyo discussed the current status of the most recent bids on the Tertiary Filtration Plant, which includes a bid protest. At the time of the meeting, staff was still working through the bid protest but were hopeful to have resolution that would allow for award by the first part of May. The most recent contract included incentives for early completion, and changes in sequencing to make up for lost time due to rebidding. The project is still scheduled to be in production by summer 2015. Construction is anticipated to begin in June 2014. MOTION (Keller/Smith 4-0-0): to approve staff's recommendation.
- 10. WATER RESOURCES MANAGER'S REPORT:** Mr. Haggmark distributed and reviewed the Monthly Water Resources Report on water production, rainfall, and wastewater influent. He reported that there has been a 15% voluntary reduction in water demand. Mr. Haggmark also updated the Water Commission on several projects scheduled to go before Council, including the annual Wastewater Collection Report (provided as a handout at the meeting) that will be presented to Council on May 13, 2014, Contract for Design for the Alameda Well Replacement Project, Agreements for Surface Water and Groundwater Monitoring by USGS, and Contract for Construction for SCADA Integration for the Corporation Yard Well. Commissioners requested a copy of the Coastal Commission letter regarding the Desalination Plant.
- 11. DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** It was confirmed that the next meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 12, 2014, at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Approved: May 12, 2014