



MINUTES
Board of Water Commissioners
Water Resources Conference Room
3rd floor, 619 Garden Street
Monday, April 13, 2015, at 3:00 p.m.

ITEM 4

- COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Russell Ruiz, Megan Birney, James Smith, Mike Kielborn, **Barry Keller**
- COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: ~~Barry Keller~~
- COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT: Harwood "Bendy" White
- STAFF PRESENT: Rebecca Bjork, Public Works Director; Joshua Haggmark, Water Resources Manager; Kelley Dyer, Water Resources Supervisor; Bill Ferguson, Project Manager; Linda Sumansky, Principal Civil Engineer; Madeline Ward, Acting Water Conservation Coordinator; Allison DeBusk, Sr. Planner; Anne Van Belkom, Administrative Assistant
- PUBLIC: Deborah L. Schwartz, Planning Commission Liaison; Charles Hamilton, Carpinteria Valley Water District; Tracy Nishikawa, Research Hydrologist, USGS; Mitchell White, SB News-Press; Roger Marks, PWR; Rodney Loehr, RDN; Steve Little
1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.
 2. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** None
 3. **COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC:** None.
 4. **MEETING MINUTES, MARCH 09, 2015:** MOTION (Smith/Ruiz 4-0-1, with Keller abstaining): to approve the minutes as submitted.
 5. **CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE ELING'S PARK PUMP STATION:** Ms. Sumansky explained the need for this contract and how the new pump station would allow staff to pump at lower pressure that would add additional life to the recycled water distribution system. This item will come before Council for their approval on April 14, 2015. MOTION (Smith/Keller 5-0-0): to approve staff's recommendation with the correction that it would be the City (instead of Elings Park) that would save the annual \$18,000 cost in electric billing.
 6. **CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR ON-CALL GROUND WATER ENGINEERING HYDROGEOLOGIST.** This item will come before Council for their approval on April 28, 2015. Staff has determined that the lower basin that was evaluated by Kear Groundwater (KG) is now in good shape but that the Foothill area needs more work. Staff will terminate the contract with KG and use the funds remaining from that contract to amend the Pueblo Water Resources Contract to include the development of rehabilitation plans for Hope Well, Los Robles, and San Roque wells. MOTION (Keller/Ruiz 5-0-0): to approve staff's recommendation.
 7. **CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH USGS FOR GROUNDWATER MODELING:** Now that USGS has finished calibrating the updated groundwater model, this contract will have USGS define additional scenarios (i.e. Scenarios 2 and 3, and some variations in Scenario 4) that were outside the scope of the original agreement. MOTION (Keller/Ruiz 5-0-0): to approve staff's recommendation.
 8. **DROUGHT UPDATE:** Council will be briefed on the Stage Two Drought Update on April 14, 2015. Mr. Haggmark briefly reviewed the rain totals and weather forecast. There is sufficient water to meet this year's demand as well as 2016. However, at this time, 2017 will have water shortages even with the operation of the Desalination Plant. Water Commissioners asked about the temporary pump station at Lake Cachuma. The current location of the pump station allows it to pump down to ~20,000 feet. If the drought continues, the pump station barge will be moved to the "dead pool" location at Lake Cachuma which would allow it to pump down to ~12,000 feet.
 9. **POTENTIAL STAGE THREE DROUGHT WATER USE REGULATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT RESTRICTIONS:** Ms. Ward informed the Water Commission that City staff is recommending a move to a 25% reduction in water demand for

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Stage Three Drought Conditions. The changes to water use regulations are focused on being in compliance with the State's new regulations. In addition there will be some minor changes to a couple of the current Stage Two regulations, including an expansion to the fountain restriction to include residential fountains in excess of 25 square feet, and limitations of once every three months to pressure wash awnings and windows, and once per year to pressure wash building surfaces. Ms. DeBusk discussed the potential development restrictions to include voluntary landscape deferrals, mandatory deferral of the installation of new turf or high water-use plants, suspension of issuing permits for new swimming pools and new wells, enforcement of Executive Order restricting irrigation for new buildings, and a move forward with the Zoning Ordinance Amendments to support water conservation. Commissioner Ruiz asked that the Water Commission receive updates on the comments the State is receiving regarding the new regulations. Chair Birney supported Commissioner Russell in having large irrigators be mandated to switch to non potable water for irrigation, and stated that she would prefer an actual ban on watering for large ornamental turf areas. To avoid revenue issues similar to the Montecito Water District, Mr. Haggmark would prefer to make fewer changes and evaluate the results before making additional changes in order to maintain the desired level of conservation and financial viability required to support the operational needs of the Water System. To address Chair Birney's concern, a schedule will be presented that gives the community time to adapt to the new changes under Stage 3, and if the community is not meeting the new goal, additional regulations will be considered and implemented.

10. WATER RESOURCES MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Haggmark distributed and reviewed the Monthly Water Resources report on water production, rainfall, and wastewater influent. There were four public sewage spills to date but another public spill just occurred this morning caused by a water main break that inundated a sewer manhole. The Warren Act Contract and a discussion on Suspended Table A water (12,000 AF) for CCWA will be upcoming agenda items to be discussed

11. DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: To accommodate the required implementation of State Water Use Regulations, the May meeting of the Water Commission has been moved to Monday, May 4th, 2015, at 3:00 p.m., in the Water Resources Conference Room located at 619 Garden Street, 3rd Floor. Today was the last meeting for Commissioner Ruiz who has resigned. Commissioner Keller may not be present at the May 4th meeting but the remaining three Commissioners will be able to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

12. RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC SERVICE – RUSSELL RUIZ: Commissioner Ruiz was thanked for all of his efforts and hard work on the Water Commission by Mr. Haggmark and the Public Works Director, Rebecca Bjork. The knowledge that Commissioner Ruiz gained by his fifteen years as legal counsel for the Goleta Water District was of great benefit to the Water Commission. Commissioner Ruiz was instrumental in developing Plan Santa Barbara and was a champion in helping to get the Recycled Water Plant restarted.

Approved: May 4, 2015