



**MINUTES**  
**Board of Water Commissioners**  
**Water Resources Conference Room**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 619 Garden Street**  
**Monday, May 04, 2015, at 3:00 p.m.**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Megan Birney, James Smith, Mike Kielborn, Barry Keller

COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT: Harwood "Bendy" White

STAFF PRESENT: Joshua Haggmark, Water Resources Manager; Chris Toth, Wastewater System Manager; Kelley Dyer, Water Resources Supervisor; Bill Ferguson, Project Manager; Madeline Ward, Acting Water Conservation Coordinator; Allison L. DeBusk, Project Planner; Anne Van Belkom, Administrative Assistant

PUBLIC: Deborah L. Schwartz, Planning Commission Liaison; Charles Hamilton, Carpinteria Valley Water District; Rodney Loehr, RDN; Mitchell White, Santa Barbara News-Press; Robert Marks, PWR; Tom Evans, Montecito Water.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 3 p.m.

2. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** None

3. **COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC:** None.

4. **MEETING MINUTES, FEBRUARY 09, 2015:** MOTION (Keller/Smith 3-0-1, with Kielborn not yet present): to approve the minutes as submitted with the correction that Water Commissioner Keller was present instead of absent at the May meeting.

5. **CHANNELKEEPER ANNUAL WASTEWATER REPORT 2014:** Mr. Toth updated the Water Commission on the annual report presented to Channelkeeper by March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Council will be presented with a summary of this report on May 12, 2015, with the focus on reviewing the previous year's activities and establishing projections for the current year's work especially as it related to the rehabilitation, replacement, or repair of wastewater collection pipes. While meeting all of the requirements of the Consent Decree, the City did not meet the SSO spill goal for 2014 of no more than 12 spills. City has taken additional measures to reduce SSOs and is in the process of completing an SSO Reduction Action Plan that includes the additional measures designed to meet the SSO reduction goal. Additional sewer maintenance activities have also been proactively identified, and contract chemical-root foaming and contract acoustic-sounding of mains are being added to the Plan. Despite not achieving the goal this year, when compared to other similar age sewer systems, the City's system did have fewer spills on average. Not achieving the goal illustrates the challenges and work ahead with improving an aging sewer infrastructure.

6. **JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT FOR MISSION CANYON:** Mr. Toth described the original agreement and explained why the County contacted the City for a process to update the JPA. The County's semi-annual sewer service billing process will be transferred to allow the City to collect sewer service fees directly from the CSA 12 properties being served by the City. The County (instead of the City) will now provide wastewater collection system maintenance services directly to the CAS 12 residents. JPA language will also be updated to eliminate language that is no longer relevant to either agency. The draft JPA is being submitted for City Council approval on May 19, 2015, and will also need to be approved by the County Board of Supervisors.

7. **DECLARATION OF STAGE THREE DROUGHT EMERGENCY:** Mr. Haggmark recapped the drought conditions and the steps that the City and the State have taken to mitigate the drought which has been the driest four years on record in Santa Barbara. While the State has mandated a 16% (changed in late May to 12%) reduction for the City of Santa Barbara, staff is recommending a 25% water conservation target due to the unique set of circumstances associated with Santa Barbara. The State Board's published updated draft regulations on April 19, 2015, are consistent with the City's current and planned regulations, with only minor exceptions. The City's Community Development staff has outlined initial development restrictions for Stage Three, with potential development restrictions identified for future implementation if needed. Staff will review the conservation targets achieved during July, August, and September 2015 to determine if additional conservation regulations are warranted. MOTION (Keller/Smith 4-0-0): to approve staff's recommendation to adopt a Resolution regarding the declaration of a Stage Three Drought.

- 8. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 14.32 TO PROHIBIT PRIVATE WATER WELL CONSTRUCTION ON PROPERTIES SERVED BY THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEM:** To protect the City's groundwater basins, this Ordinance which will prohibit the construction or replacements of water supply production wells when a property is or can be served by the City's water supply system, will be introduced to Council on May 5, 2015. Approval of this Ordinance will compel all water users to adhere to the City's water conservation rules and will prevent parallel usage of groundwater and the City water system supply. Permits will continue to be required for modification, repair, abandonment or destruction of any water well. MOTION (Kielborn/Keller 4-0-0): to approve staff's recommendation.
- 9. CONTRACT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A WORKPLAN FOR ALTERNATIVE SEAWATER INTAKES AND POTABLE REUSE – STATUS OF CONTRACT:** This contract being presented to Council for approval is for development of the Work Plan in compliance with Regional Water Quality Control Board requirements. The contract will consist of three phases: the Work Plan development, a fatal flaw analysis of alternative desalination intake with a potable reuse study, and the alternative desalination intake study. Four public meetings are also included as part of this contract. MOTION (Keller/Kielborn 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. Lake Cachuma's water storage is the same as it was in May 1990; however, there is nearly 15,000 AF less Project Water available this time. A meeting has been scheduled with all impacted agencies for review of the draft Environmental Assessment for the Pass Through Agreement on May 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be a desalination discussion at the June 1<sup>st</sup> Water Commission meeting that will include an overview of the draft Addendum to the final EIR and to the Final Certified Long Term Water Supply 1994 Program EIR, as required by CEQA for the proposed reactivation of the Charles Meyer Desalination Plant. To assist with the identification of pipes that need to be cleaned, Wastewater Collection staff will be utilizing sound wave technology to determine which pipes have the highest priority for immediate cleaning. Six new candidates have applied to fill the vacancies on the Water Commission due to the resignation of Commissioner Ruiz in April 2015, and to replace Commissioner Smith whose term will end on June 30, 2015.
- 11. DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** It was confirmed that the next Special Water Commission meeting (which will replace the regularly scheduled June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting) will be held on Monday, June 1, 2015, at 3:00 p.m., in the Water Resources Conference Room located at 619 Garden Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Approved: June 8, 2015.