



**MINUTES**  
**Board of Water Commissioners**  
**Water Resources Conference Room**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 619 Garden Street**  
**Monday, June 08, 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; Lisa Arroyo, Supervising Civil Engineer; Amanda Flesse, Supervising Civil Engineer; Linda Sumansky, Principal Engineer; Madeline Ward, Acting Water Conservation Coordinator; Anne Van Belkom, Administrative Assistant
- PUBLIC: Deborah L. Schwartz, Planning Commission Liaison; Charles Hamilton, Carpinteria Valley Water District; Mark Rincon-Ibarra, MNS; Rodney Loehr, RDN; Russell Ruiz; Ken Goodenough
1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.
  2. **ROLL CALL**
  3. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** None
  4. **COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC:** None.
  5. **MEETING MINUTES, MAY 4, 2015:** MOTION (Keller/Smith, 4-0-0): to approve the minutes as submitted.
  6. **CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ON-CALL SEWER MAIN POINT REPAIRS FY 16:** This one-year contract has been approved on an annual basis since 2012 (for FY13) to handle on-call urgent repairs for the duration of each upcoming fiscal year. Under the contract, the contractor is paid per call for any sewer main point repair issues and may include an emergency response and repair. MOTION (Keller/Kielborn 4-0-0): to approve staff's recommendation.
  7. **CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE HIGH SCHOOL WELL RAW WATER MAIN PROJECT:** Out of seven bids, Tierra Contracting, Inc. is the apparent low bidder and will be utilizing a directional boring to install the water main connecting High School Well to the existing raw water line on Ortega Street that feeds the Ortega Groundwater Treatment Plant. MOTION (Kielborn/Keller 4-0-0): to approve staff's recommendation.
  8. **STAGE 3 DROUGHT UPDATE:** Mr. Haggmark updated the Water Commission on the current water supply situation and related drought efforts. He reviewed the current water supply outlook and discussed the drought-related capital projects including the completion of the new Alameda Well that is anticipated to be on line in fall 2015. Rehabilitation work on the City's Recycled Water Treatment Plant has been delayed due to problems associated with the membrane design. Completion is now expected in fall 2015. Staff has completed negotiations with the IDE/Kiewit who was selected to reactivate and operate the Desalination Plant. If approved by Council, the Desalination Plant could be made operational by fall 2016. Since the current drought has now become the driest on record, this drought will become the basis for future drought planning. Ms. Ward updated the Water Commission on the programs and incentives available for residential gray water systems.
  9. **AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE CHARLES E. MEIER DESALINATION PLANT – FINAL DESIGN PHASE:** Ms. Sumansky gave a detailed presentation on the recent background leading up to the reactivation of the Desalination Plant including details about the selection processes that staff utilized to receive proposals from prequalified firms. Two proposals were received in response to the RFP and the proposals were individually rated in five specific categories by a special selection panel. After rating of the written proposals, the cost proposals were opened and also rated and the scores combined for final selection. The panel chose IDE due to its modular approach that was more in line with existing permits to operate the plant, as well as their positioning to meet the City's short timeframe given their construction approach and desalination experience in California. In order to be able to have water produced by

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fall 2016, Council is currently being requested to approve a Professional Service Agreement with IDE to continue final design phase work while SRF funding is being finalized. Staff will return to Council after the SRF loan has been finalized to amend the contract with IDE for the full cost of the design/build/operate project. Total costs for the project have increased to \$55 million due to the actual costs of construction and other costs such as the subsurface intake feasibility study and additional studies needed for the permit. This will require the Resolution approved on March 24, 2015, to be readopted with the increased costs included. The City has prepared a CEQA Addendum which is currently being finalized for Council. As requested, staff will send a copy of the CEQA Addendum to each Water Commissioner as soon as it has been finalized. Chair Birney requested a future agenda item on what the permitting requirements and costs would be to make the Desalination Plant into a regional facility. MOTION (Smith/Keller 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. The FY16 budget will include changes to the Water Supply Group to include the addition of a Water Supply Manager. The focus of the Water Supply Group will now include the formation and management of a groundwater sustainability agency (GSA). On June 30, 2015, Council will be requested to approve a \$130,000 contract for three years of flow monitoring at El Estero from three different sources.
- 11. DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** It was confirmed that the next Water Commission meeting will be held on Monday, July 13, 2015, at 3:00 p.m. in the Water Resources Conference Room located at 619 Garden Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Chair Birney confirmed that she would not be available for the July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- 12. RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC SERVICE – JAMES SMITH.** Staff thanked Commissioner Smith for his 16 years of service on the Water Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Approved: July 13, 2015