



MINUTES Board of Water Commissioners

David Gebhard Public Meeting Room
630 Garden Street, Parking Lot Side Entrance

Thursday, July 21, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

- COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Barry Keller, Mike Kielborn, Dave Davis, Michael Jordan, Megan Birney
- STAFF PRESENT:** Joshua Haggmark, Water Resources Manager; Madeline Ward, Water Conservation Supervisor; Anne Van Belkom, Administrative Assistant; Sarita King, Administrative Specialist
- PUBLIC:** Deborah L. Schwartz, Planning Commission Liaison; Lindsey Baker, Co-President, League of Women Voters; Sarah Knecht, Assistant City Attorney; Denice Adams; Chris Dahlstrom, General Manager, Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District and ID No. 1
1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.
 2. **ROLL CALL** All present
 3. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** Item 7a was removed and will be discussed at a later meeting.
 4. **COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC:** Denice Adams, 350 Calle Elegante, asked for better coordination between the State Water Resources Control Board and the City's Planning Commission, and requested lower water rates for customer in special treatment areas.
 5. **APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS:** Commissioner Mike Kielborn was appointed Chair and Commissioner Dave Davis was appointed Vice -Chair.
 6. **CONSENT ITEMS:**
 - a. **Meeting Minutes for May 19, 2016:** MOTION (Davis /Keller 5/0/0): to approve the minutes as submitted.
 - b. **Response to Grand Jury Report Regarding Lake Cachuma Minutes:** This agenda item was pulled from the Consent agenda for further discussion. Chris Dahlstrom, General Manager, Santa Ynez Water Conservation District, ID No. 1, expressed his concerns regarding the tone of some of the City's proposed responses to the Grand Jury report that relate to the issues of project yield from the inflow in the Tecolote Tunnel, the Settlement agreement of 2002, banked water storage in Lake Cachuma, and the requirements for fish releases. MOTION (Keller/Jordan 5/0/0): to have City staff take another look at their proposed comments to the Grand Jury Report in advance of the response going to City Council.
 7. **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**
 - a) **Increase in Construction Change Order Authority for the Charles E. Meyer Desalination Facility:** Item 7a was deleted and will be discussed at a later meeting.
 - b) **Stage Three Drought Update:** Mr. Haggmark gave his monthly report on the Stage 3 Drought and discussed the drought status, community conservation, and the water supply strategy. While there is adequate water through 2018, there will be challenges due to peak demand usage, which may require additional water use restrictions. Options to meet these peak demand challenges will be brought to the Water Commission for their input at the September meeting. A staff report to Council on August 2 will provide details on the revised schedule for the Desalination Plant, cause for the delay, and cost impacts. Staff is continuing to work with the Montecito Water District on a Funding (Reimbursement) Agreement for legal and technical costs associated with a potential water sales agreement with the Montecito Water District. Mr. Haggmark noted that decreased demand and increased

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production have provided sufficient supply to meet this summer's peak demands without requesting voluntary reduction in usage. The next steps will include staff returning to Council to amend the contract for continued professional services support to optimize recycled water production. Mr. Haggmark noted that the Bureau of Reclamation has proposed new rules to make evaporation loss in Lake Cachuma more equitable and to promote storage of water in the lake. Madeline Ward gave a presentation on the Water Conservation Program, noting that July is Smart Irrigation Month. This nationwide campaign from the Irrigation Association promotes simple practices and technologies to reduce irrigation waste. The City's "Watering % Adjust" value posted weekly on the water conservation website makes it easy to adjust irrigation schedules based on the weather. The City is available to help customers reduce irrigation waste with free Water Checkups, DIY videos, and rebates.

- 8. WATER RESOURCES MANAGER'S REPORT:** Mr. Haggmark highlighted pertinent data in the report and informed the Water Commissioners that groundwater production exceeded expectations from April to June of this year. He noted that there have been four SSO's to date this calendar year, which is within the annual goal of no more than eight. In response to questions from the Water Commission regarding Channelkeeper, Sarah Knecht noted that staff from the City Attorney's Office is meeting with Channelkeeper regarding their intent to try to extend the Consent Decree which is currently set to expire on March 31, 2017.
- 9. DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** Thursday, September 15, 2016, in the David Gebhard Public Meeting Room at 630 Garden Street (side entrance by the parking lot). The August Water Commission meeting is cancelled due to a lack of quorum.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.
Approved: September 15, 2016