



Minutes - Board of Water Commissioners  
 Thursday, February 16, 2017

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**b) Subsurface Intake and Potable Reuse Feasibility Study Update**

Joshua Haggmark gave a presentation on the Subsurface Desalination Intake Initial Screening Analysis and the Potable Reuse Feasibility Study Report. The information from the analysis and potable reuse studies will be useful in identifying additional water supply opportunities and assisting with the City's next Long Term Water Supply Plan Update.

Motion to approve recommendation for staff to take presentation to Council on March 7, 2017

(Davis/Keller 4-0-1)

**c) Drought Update Report (15 Minutes)**

Joshua Haggmark gave a presentation which included information from the National Weather Service on the pending storm due to start on Friday, February 17, and continue through Saturday, February 18. With so much of the Water Budget being contingent on how much rainfall and runoff Santa Barbara has received this year, staff proposes to delay the discussion on water rates until April 2017, when staff hopes to have sufficient information to determine the three-year water supply strategy, which will inform the water rate development process. The Federal Bureau of Reclamation has a grant funding opportunity, which could yield as much as \$750,000 towards the proposed Desalination Conveyance Pipeline. The grant funding is for capital projects that build long-term resiliency to drought, improve water quality and management, and reduce the need for emergency response actions. For the application to be considered, Council must adopt a resolution identifying the City staff member with the legal authority to submit an application and enter into an agreement that confirms the City's financial capability to fund its share of the project costs and indicates a willingness to work with the Bureau to meet deadlines and milestones.

**7. WATER RESOURCES MANAGER'S REPORT**

Joshua Haggmark reviewed the report and highlighted that there have been three spills this year; these will be investigated to see whether they are private or public spills. Lisa Arroyo, Wastewater System Manager, will present to the Water Commission, the 2016 Wastewater Collection Report in May, following a presentation to Council. Staff continues to be in contact with the Bureau regarding Warren Act Contract issues specific to the 1989 Upper Santa Ynez River Operations Pass Through Agreement and weekly meetings are planned.

**8. DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: Thursday, March 16, 2017, at 9:00 am, (NEW TIME), David Gebhard Public Meeting Room, 630 Garden Street (Parking Lot Side Entrance)**

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