



MINUTES Board of Water Commissioners

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

Thursday, June 15, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Dave Davis, Mike Kielborn, Michael Jordan, Megan Birney, Barry Keller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

COUNCIL LIAISON: Harwood "Bendy" White

STAFF PRESENT: Joshua Haggmark, Water Resources Manager; Brian D'Amour, P.E., City Engineer; Sarah Knecht, Assistant City Attorney; Kelley Dyer, Water Supply Manager; Malcom Hamilton, Administrative Analyst II; Sarita King, Administrative Specialist; Cody Westbay, Administrative Specialist

PUBLIC: Dale Francisco, Vice President, Cachuma Conservation Release Board; Lindsey Baker, Co-President, League of Women Voters; Michael DeGroot, Bartle, Wells Associates

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. **ROLL CALL** All present

3. **CHANGES TO AGENDA:** None at this time

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comments provided by Lindsey Baker, Co-President, League of Women Voters. She asked about the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

5. **APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS:** Commissioner Davis was appointed Chair and Commissioner Jordan was appointed Vice-Chair. Both appointments will begin in July 2017. Thank you to Mr. Kielborn for his service as Chair of the Commission.

6. **CONSENT ITEMS:**

a) **Meeting Minutes:** Approval of Minutes – May 18, 2017

Commissioner Birney noted that the meeting minutes did not reflect that the Commission had asked for an off-camera work session in June. The meeting was subsequently cancelled, but should have been reflected in the minutes and will be discussed later during this meeting.

Motion to approve the corrected minutes as submitted
(Birney/Davis 4-0-1)

7. **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

a) **Infrastructure Repair and Community Service Needs**

Brian D'Amour, City Engineer, gave a presentation which focused on General Fund and Streets-related infrastructure. Council is contemplating a one percent sales tax measure on the November 2017 Municipal Election ballot. This item is scheduled for discussion at Council on June 27, 2017. Funding from this measure does not support the Water or Wastewater fund.

b) Proposed Water Rates for Fiscal Years 2018, 2019, and 2020

Joshua Haggmark, Malcom Hamilton, and Michael DeGroot (Bartle Wells Representative) gave a presentation on the proposed water rates. Staff is recommending that Council direct staff to send out the notice of proposed water rate changes and set a Public Hearing date of August 15, 2017.

Motion to approve staff's recommendation
(BK/DD 5-0)

c) Stage Three Drought Update (30 Minutes)

Kelley Dyer, Water Supply Manager, gave a presentation on the status of the current drought, water demands, water supplies, drought-response capital projects, and continued conservation efforts. The recommendation included approval of staff to enter into a water purchase agreement with the City of Santa Maria for the purchase of 2,000AF at a negotiated price of \$450K. The water from this purchase will be used to pay down the 6,000AF of water debt owed to AVEK.

The Stage Three Drought declaration is still in effect, and with the continue need for a 30 percent reduction, the Water Conservation Program will continue its campaign of targeted outreach to users.

Motion to approve staff's recommendation
(BK/DD 5-0)

d) Scheduled Upcoming Meetings and Agenda Items

Mr. Haggmark had a discussion with the Commissioners about upcoming availability and agenda items through the end of August.

Based on the discussion, it was agreed that the standing Water Commission meeting on July 20th would occur with Mr. Haggmark and Mr. Jordan absent. The reoccurring Water Commission meeting on August 17th would be canceled and replaced (at the same time, location to be determined) with a special work session to discuss communication and engagement and will be open to the public but will not be recorded/broadcast.

8. WATER RESOURCES MANAGER'S REPORT

Joshua Haggmark reviewed the report and highlighted items of interest.

Meeting adjourned at 11:11 am

DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, July 20, 2017, at 9:00 am, David Gebhard Public Meeting Room, 630 Garden Street (Parking Lot Side Entrance).

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