CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
WATER COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, February 21, 2019
9:00 a.m.

David Gebhard Public Meeting Room, 630 Garden Street
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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mike Jordan, Megan Birney, Dave Davis (until 10:54 a.m.), Arturo Keller
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mike Kielborn
COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT: Kristen Sneddon
STAFF PRESENT: Joshua Haggmark, Water Resources Manager; Kelley Dyer, Water Supply Manager; Gaylen Fair, Acting Wastewater System Manager; Malcolm Hamilton, Administrative Analyst; Dana Hoffenberg, Water Resources Specialist; Daniel S. Hentschke, Assistant City Attorney; Jennifer Sanchez, Commission Secretary
PUBLIC: Mark Craig and Craig Boyce, Coastal Byproducts; Belinda Blackburn, Marborg Industries; Lindsey Baker, League of Women Voters; Brooke Holland, Noozhawk; Hillary Hauser, Heal the Ocean; Charles Hamilton

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. ROLL CALL: All Commissioners present except Kielborn.
3. CHANGES TO AGENDA: None.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.
5. CONSENT ITEMS:
   a. Meeting Minutes: Approval of Minutes - December 20, 2018; January 17, 2019
      Motion to approve December 20, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Approved (Davis/Keller, 3:0:1. Birney abstained; Kielborn absent.)
      Motion to approve January 17, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Approved (Davis/Birney, 2:0:2. Jordan and Keller abstained; Kielborn absent.)
   b. Sole Source Purchase Order for Water Distribution and Wastewater Collections Utility Locating and Marking Services
   c. Revocation of San Pedro Creek Water Right
      Motion for recommendation of Items 5b-5c. Approved (Davis/Birney, 4:0:0. Kielborn absent.)
6. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:
   a. Wastewater Rates Policy Input
      Mr. Hamilton and Shawn Koorn of HDR Engineering, the City’s consultant, gave an update on the status of proposed changes to Wastewater rates. Staff requested Commission input before finalizing the rate change proposal.
Public comment:
Mark Craig

The Commission expressed support for staff moving forward with finalizing the rate change proposal.

b. Continuation of Contracting Options for Fats, Oils, and Grease Disposal
Ms. Fair gave an overview of the proposed selection process for a Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) disposal contract. Staff requested Commission input.

Public comment:
Mark Craig  
Belinda Blackburn

The Commission expressed support for FOG disposal capacity being awarded to haulers based on City-generated FOG material.

c. Stage Three Drought Update and Amendment to Professional Service Agreement for Water Rights Legal Services
Ms. Dyer gave an overview of the drought status, water demand status, water supply strategy, and water supply status. Ms. Dyer also described a proposed increase in a contract for legal services related to water rights. Staff recommended that the Commission recommend that Council authorize the increase.

Motion for recommendation to Council to authorize the contract increase.  
Approved (Davis/Keller, 4:0:0. Kielborn absent.)

d. Water Agencies Update (CCWA/CCRB/COMB)
Ms. Dyer provided an update on the activities of the three water agencies.

e. Sea Level Rise Update
Mr. Haggmark presented an overview of the impacts of sea level rise on Water Resources infrastructure.

Public comment:
Hillary Hauser

7. WATER RESOURCES MANAGER’S REPORT
Mr. Haggmark presented the Manager’s Report, highlighting items of interest.

Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:
Thursday, March 28, 2019, 9:00 a.m., David Gebhard Public Meeting Room, 630 Garden Street