



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
WATER COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

**Thursday, May 16, 2019
9:00 a.m.**

**David Gebhard Public Meeting Room, 630 Garden Street
SantaBarbaraCA.gov/WC**

- COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Mike Jordan, Arturo Keller, Mike Kielborn
- COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Megan Birney, Dave Davis
- COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT:** Kristen Sneddon
- STAFF PRESENT:** Joshua Haggmark, Water Resources Manager; Kelley Dyer, Water Supply Manager; Gaylen Fair, Acting Wastewater System Manager; Catherine Taylor, Water System Manager; Bradley Rahrer, Wastewater Collections System Superintendent; Malcolm Hamilton, Administrative Analyst; Dana Hoffenberg, Water Resources Specialist; Daniel S. Hentschke, Assistant City Attorney; Jennifer Sanchez, Commission Secretary
- PUBLIC:** Derek Carlson, MarBorg Industries; Berlinda Blackburn, MarBorg Industries; Charles Hamilton; Hillary Hauser, Heal the Ocean
- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
 - 2. ROLL CALL:** All Commissioners present except Birney and Davis.
 - 3. CHANGES TO AGENDA:** None.
 - 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
 - 5. CONSENT ITEMS:**
 - a. Meeting Minutes:** Approval of Minutes - March 28, 2019
Motion to approve meeting minutes as presented.
Approved (Keller/Kielborn, 3:0:0. Birney and Davis absent.)
 - b. Cachuma Conservation Release Board Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget Ratification**
Motion to recommend ratification.
Approved (Keller/Kielborn, 3:0:0. Birney and Davis absent.)
 - 6. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**
 - a. Water Agencies Update (CCWA/CCRB/COMB)**
Ms. Dyer provided an update on the activities of the three water agencies.
 - b. Continuation of Wastewater High Strength Surcharge Fee Discussion**
Mr. Hamilton presented an overview of the wastewater high strength surcharge fees.

Public comment:
Derek Carlson, MarBorg Industries
Berlinda Blackburn, MarBorg Industries

c. 2019 Public Health Goals Report

Ms. Taylor presented the 2019 Public Health Goals Report.

d. Sewer Lateral Inspection Program Update

Ms. Fair gave an overview of the Sewer Lateral Inspection Program, specifically enhanced communication, cost controls, and inspection requirement frequency.

Public comment:

Hillary Hauser, Heal the Ocean

Commission comments:

Chair Jordan

- A dedicated public information officer for the City would be beneficial to assist in outreach for programs like this.
- Add analyst work to the RFP to analyze trends and data to find issues ahead of time.
- In favor of a scheduled time for lateral inspections, at approximately half the life of a residential lateral. If owners agree to inspection at time of sale, the clock starts over.
- Supports Option 2, Excavation & Sewer Tap Replacement by City contractor.
- Don't isolate this as a wastewater issue; use resources from other groups in Water Resources to help with the outreach for this program.
- For outreach, use more pictures and less narrative. Get to influencers early (e.g., neighborhood associations, Chamber of Commerce, property management firms).
- Return to Water Commission when information on the RFP is ready.

Commissioner Kielborn

- Getting competitive bids for contracted lateral work is encouraging.
- Inspection at time of sale may significantly increase the inspection workload.

Commissioner Keller

- Lateral maintenance information should be made readily available to owners.
- Analyst work can possibly be done by a separate contractor.
- Expressed support for financing options.

Councilmember Sneddon

- Suggested adding a simple statement to customer billing about lateral ownership, life expectancy, and the SLIP website to increase awareness.

e. Review of Council-Approved Term Sheet for Water Sales Agreement with Montecito Water District

Item postponed to the June 20, 2019 meeting.

7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair Jordan reported on the Association of California Water Agencies Spring Conference.

8. WATER RESOURCES MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Haggmark presented the Manager's Report.

Meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Thursday, June 20, 2019, 9:00 a.m., David Gebhard Public Meeting Room, 630 Garden Street