



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

**Thursday, July 18, 2019
9:00 a.m.**

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

- COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Mike Jordan, Dave Davis, Arturo Keller, Mike Kielborn
- COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Megan Birney
- COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT:** Kristen Sneddon
- STAFF PRESENT:** Joshua Haggmark, Water Resources Manager; Kelley Dyer, Water Supply Manager; Amanda Flesse, Wastewater System Manager; Catherine Taylor, Water System Manager; Gaylen Fair, Laboratory Supervisor; Brad Rahrer, Wastewater Collection System Superintendent; Jennifer Sanchez, Commission Secretary
- PUBLIC:** Justin Dullum; Lindsey Baker, League of Women Voters; Virginia Leavell; Derek Carlson, Marborg Industries; Berlinda Blackburn, Marborg Industries; Robert Palmer; Mark Sheridan; Hillary Hauser, Heal the Ocean; Mark Craig, Coastal Byproducts
- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
 - 2. ROLL CALL:** All Commissioners present, except Birney.
 - 3. CHANGES TO AGENDA:** None.
 - 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
 - 5. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS:**
Motion to appoint Commissioner Birney as Chair and Commissioner Keller as Vice Chair.
Approved (Davis/Kielborn, 4:0:0. Birney absent.)
 - 6. CONSENT ITEMS:**
 - a. Meeting Minutes:** Approval of Minutes - May 16, 2019

Motion to approve meeting minutes as presented.
Approved (Kielborn/Jordan, 3:0:1. Davis abstained; Birney absent.)
 - b. Approval of Agreements with MarBorg Industries and Coastal Byproducts for the Disposal Of Fats, Oils, and Grease Materials**

Public comment:
Derek Carlson, MarBorg Industries
Mark Craig, Coastal Byproducts

Commission comments:
Commissioner Jordan:
 - The Request for Proposals (RFP) did not take into account MarBorg's investment in the FOG pilot program, nor the operational results.
 - Cannot recommend that Council approve the agreements; instructed staff to bring these points to Council for discussion.

Commissioner Davis

- Agreed with Commissioner Jordan's comments.
- Still has concern about pretreatment issues and minimizing the amount of truck trips. These issues should have been weighed in the RFP to provide a level playing field.

Commissioner Keller

- Concerned about the Commission second-guessing technical staff's understanding of their pretreatment needs and determining the requirements of the RFP.

Motion not to recommend approval and instruct staff to discuss the Commissioners' expressed concerns about pretreatment requirements and the number of truck delivery trips as part of the staff presentation to City Council.

Approved (Jordan/Davis, 3:1:0. Keller opposed; Birney absent.)

c. Sole Source Contract for SCADA Computer System Maintenance

Motion to recommend approval to Council.

Approved (Davis/Jordan, 4:0:0. Birney absent.)

7. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

a. Water Agencies Update (CCWA/CCRB/COMB)

Ms. Dyer provided an update on the activities of the three water agencies.

b. Customer Service Enhancements to the Sewer Lateral Inspection Program

Ms. Fair and Mr. Rahrer presented an update on improvements to the Sewer Lateral Inspection Program intended to improve customer service.

Commission comments:

Commissioner Davis

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money is available for home repairs and rehabilitation. Talk to the Community Development Department about Public Works submitting an application for CDBG funds for a program to assist homeowners.

Commissioner Jordan

- Language in the City's sewer lateral ordinance should be clarified that ownership includes the wye connection.
- Proactive outreach is good, but it's more important to be ready with the information resources when someone receives an inspection letter.
- Emphasized that at a minimum, the City should have some type of option for financial assistance for elderly and low-income property owners.

Commissioner Keller

- The website is a good information resource.

Commissioner Kielborn

- Make sure property owners know about options that may be available for repair besides an entire replacement.

Councilmember Sneddon

- Encouraged providing proactive information about sewer laterals, their life expectancy, and what to look for, perhaps in the utility bill insert.
- Excited about Option 2, the City contracting the excavation and wye connection work.

Public comments:

Justin Dillum
Robert Palmer

Mark Sheridan
Hillary Hauser

c. Water and Wastewater Legislative Review

Motion to postpone the item.

Approved (Keller/Jordan, 3:0:0. Davis and Birney absent.)

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

9. WATER RESOURCES MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Haggmark presented the Manager's Report.

Meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING (SPECIAL MEETING):

Thursday, August 15, 2019, 9:00 a.m., Water Resources Conference Room, 619 Garden Street, Third Floor