



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

**Thursday, February 20, 2020
9:00 a.m.**

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

- COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Megan Birney, Arturo Keller, Dave Davis, Jeffrey Young, Mike Kielborn (at 9:10 a.m.)
- COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** None.
- COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT:** None.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Joshua Haggmark, Water Resources Manager; Catherine Taylor, Acting Water Supply Manager; Amanda Flesse, Wastewater System Manager; Matt Ward, Acting Water System Manager; Malcolm Hamilton, Administrative Analyst; Caitlin Walker, Project Engineer; Adriana Morales, Administrative Assistant; Daniel S. Hentschke, Assistant City Attorney; Rachel Becerra, Commission Secretary
- PUBLIC:** Lesley Wiscomb, Planning Commission Liason; Joel Degner, Janet Gringas, and Elijah Papen, Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board; Marc Chytilo, Friends of Mission Canyon (FOMC)
- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Birney called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
 - 2. ROLL CALL:** All Commissioners present except Kielborn (at the time of roll call).
 - 3. CHANGES TO AGENDA:** None.
 - 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Marc Chytilo, Friends of Mission Canyon (FOMC)
 - 5. CONSENT ITEMS:**
 - a. Meeting Minutes:** Approval of Minutes - December 19, 2019
 - b. Contract for Consulting Services for America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) Assessment**

Motion to approve meeting minutes (Item 5a) and recommend Item 5b.
Approved (Davis/Keller, 5:0:0)
 - 6. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**
 - a. Water Rate Development Policy Input**

Mr. Hamilton, Administrative Analyst, and the City's Water Rate Consultant gave an update on the preliminary data findings of the water rate study, and received input from the Water Commission on policy direction.
 - b. Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board – 2019 Activities and Accomplishments**

Ms. Taylor invited the Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board members to share a presentation highlighting recent activities and accomplishments.
 - c. Water Agencies Update (CCWA/CCRB/COMB)**

Ms. Taylor provided an update on the activities of the CCWA and CCRB water agencies.

7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Davis reported on the Sea-Level Rise subcommittee.

Commissioner Kielborn reported on the Water Rate subcommittee.

8. WATER RESOURCES MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Haggmark presented the Manager's Report. The meeting concluded with acknowledgment and appreciations of Chair Megan Birney's eight years of service on the Water Commission. Chair Birney's strong leadership during the worst drought on record was greatly appreciated by staff, City Council, and the community. We wish Chair Birney all the best.

Meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Thursday, March 19, 2020, 9:00 a.m., David Gebhard Public Meeting Room, 630 Garden Street