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CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATER COMMISSION MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

**Thursday, February 18, 2021
9:00 a.m.**

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- COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Arturo Keller, Dave Davis, Jeffrey Young, Lindsay Coony (at 9:15 a.m.)
- COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** None.
- COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT:** Kristen Sneddon (at 9:02 a.m.)
- STAFF PRESENT:** Joshua Haggmark, Acting Public Works Director; Amanda Flesse, Acting Water Resources Manager; Catherine Taylor, Water Supply and Services Manager; Matt Ward, Water System Manager; Malcolm Hamilton, Water Resources Financial Officer; Dana Hoffenberg, Water Resources Specialist; Daniel S. Hentschke, Assistant City Attorney; Rachel Becerra, Commission Secretary
- PUBLIC:** Shawn Koorn; Cheri Jasinski; Roger Holcombe; Farfalla Borah; Berlinda Blackburn; Alison Thompson; Charles Bullwinkle Hamilton; Cora Kammeyer; Ray Stokes
- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Keller called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
 - 2. ROLL CALL:** All Commissioners present except Commissioner Coony (at time of roll call).
 - 3. CHANGES TO AGENDA:** None.
 - 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
 - 5. CONSENT ITEMS:**
 - a. Meeting Minutes:** Approval of Minutes – January 21, 2021

Motion to approve meeting minutes.
Approved (Davis/Young, 3:0:0. Coony absent)
 - 6. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**
 - a. Acquisition of the Lincolnwood Mutual Water Company**
Ms. Hoffenberg provided an overview of the Lincolnwood Mutual Water Company (LMWC), the City's 1979 agreement with LMWC, and the options presented to the LMWC stakeholders. Ms. Hoffenberg recommended that the Water Commission forward staff's recommendation to Council as presented in the staff report.

Motion to recommend that Council exercise the option to acquire the LMWC as set forth in Agreement No. 79-53940 between the City and Meeker Development Company; and, authorize the Public Works Director to execute all necessary contracts and deeds, subject to approval by the City Attorney, necessary to implement said option.

(Davis/Young, 3:0:0. Cooney absent)

b. Draft Water Rates for Fiscal Years 2022, 2023, and 2024

Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Koorn gave a presentation on the draft water rates for Fiscal Years 2022, 2023, and 2024, and asked the Water Commission to provide input to staff in preparation for public noticing and final adoption.

Public Comment

Cheri Jasinski
Cora Kammeyer

c. Status Update for State Water Project and Cachuma Contracts

Mr. Stokes gave an update of the February 2, 2021 County Board of Supervisors meeting on State Water Project Contract Amendments 20 and 21, and Ms. Taylor gave an update on activities related to the Cachuma Contract, and discussed with the Water Commission what appropriate action to take in response. Staff recommended that the Water Commission support staff's recommendation as presented in the staff report.

Motion to approve Staff recommendation that the Water Commission support Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors on approving Amendments 20 and 21, without the District's proposed conditions; consider State Water Project's contract reassignment to the Central Coast Water Authority; and, ensure the Santa Barbara County Water Agency provides Cachuma Member Units with fair representation on Cachuma contract matters.

(Young/Coony, 4:0:0.)

7. WATER RESOURCES MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Flesse presented the Manager's Report.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Thursday, March 18, 2021, 9:00 a.m., GoToWebinar Platform