



Water Commission Minutes

7:00 p.m. - Monday, August 24, 2009
Council Chambers
809 Center Street Santa Cruz

Minutes of a Water Commission Meeting

Call to Order Chair H. Whitney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Roll Call

Present: B. Fouse, L. Kasa, S. O'Hara, A. Schiffrin and H. Whitney, Chair.

Absent: C. Keutmann and M. McClellan both absent with notice.

Staff: T. Goddard, Water Conservation Manager; B. Kocher, Water Director; T. Tompkins, Deputy Director/Operations Manager; and D. Paul, Admin. Assistant.

Presentation There were no presentations.

Statements of Disqualification There were no statements of disqualifications.

Oral Communications There were no oral communications.

Announcements There were no announcements.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved approval of the July 6, 2009 Water Commission minutes as submitted. Commissioner B. Fouse seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

AYES: B. Fouse, S. O'Hara, A. Schiffrin and H. Whitney.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: C. Keutmann and M. McClellan.

ABSTAIN: L. Kasa.

Consent Agenda

Consent Items 3. City of Santa Cruz/Soquel Creek Water District Desalination Task Force – Draft Operational Plan & Agreement materials July 2009; and 4. Ordinance No. 2009-14 Water Shortage Ordinance were removed for further discussion.

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved approval of the Consent Agenda as amended. Commission S. O'Hara seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

AYES: B. Fouse, L. Kasa, S. O'Hara, A. Schiffrin and H. Whitney.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: C. Keutmann and M. McClellan.

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

3. City of Santa Cruz/Soquel Creek Water District Desalination Task Force – Draft Operational Plan & Agreement materials July 2009

Director Kocher reported that Councilmember Rotkin brought the Water Commission concerns to the Desalination Task Force at its July 15, 2009 meeting. The Task Force will be addressing those concerns at a future meeting.

4. Ordinance No. 2009-14 Water Shortage Ordinance

The commission requested that staff provide information at the November meeting on the benefits of having an Ordinance that is codified and a clarification on Section 16. Effective Date whether the Ordinance expires on October 31.

General Business

1. Surface Water Treatment Rules – Long Term 2 (Oral Report)

Deputy Director/Operations Manager Tompkins reported on the work being done to meet the 2012 Surface Water Treatment Rules - Long Term 2. The Water Quality and System Improvement Study has been an ongoing project since 2002 and the item of most concern is disinfection by-products. The Basis of Design Report is going through an independent technical review and is expected to be complete in the spring. The review will look at the original work in order to determine if any changes that occurred during the course of the study may make other non-selected alternatives more feasible.

Oral communications were made by Jim Rothstein.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission requested that a presentation of the findings be made at a future meeting.

2. Status Report on Stage 2 Water Restrictions (Oral Report)

Water Conservation Manager Goddard reported that we are about two-thirds of the way through the restriction period and water usage is lower than projected. The mandatory restrictions have had a big impact on customer usage. Two temporary staff have been hired and are dedicated to enforcement. The Conservation Office workload has been consumed by the restrictions, particularly in light of the mandatory 10% work furlough. Major customers such as the University, City Parks, City Schools, golf courses and cemeteries have made substantial efforts to reduce water usage.

Oral communications were made by Jim Rothstein.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM

Subcommittee/Advisory Body Oral Reports

1. City of Santa Cruz/Soquel Creek Water District Desalination Task Force

There was nothing further to report.

Director's Oral Report

1. Monthly Status of Water Supply

There was nothing further to report.

2. Desalination Program

Director Kocher reported on the progress of the Geophysical Study, Intake Study, Energy Minimization and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Study, Dilution Study, Pilot Plant Restoration and the Environmental Impact Review.

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

- Water Shortage Ordinance (November)

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. until the next meeting of the Water Commission scheduled for October 5, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

ss/Donna Paul
Staff