



Water Commission Minutes

7:00 p.m. – Monday, February 2, 2009
Council Chambers
809 Center Street Santa Cruz

Minutes of a Water Commission Meeting

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

Roll Call

Present: L. Kasa, C. Keutmann, M. McClellan, S. O'Hara, and H. Whitney (Vice-Chair).

Absent: B. Fouse, and A. Schiffrin both absent with notice.

Staff: T. Goddard, Water Conservation Manager; B. Kocher, Water Director; H. Luckenbach, Desalination Program Coordinator; and D. Paul, Administrative Assistant.

Presentation There were no presentations.

Statements of Disqualification There were no statements of disqualification.

Oral Communications There were no oral communications.

Announcements There were no announcements.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner C. Keutmann moved to approve the January 12, 2009 Water Commission minutes as submitted. Commissioner M. McClellan seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

AYES: L. Kasa, C. Keutmann, M. McClellan, S. O'Hara, and H. Whitney.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: B. Fouse and Schiffrin.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner S. O'Hara moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted.

Commissioner C. Keutmann seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

AYES: L. Kasa, C. Keutmann, M. McClellan, S. O'Hara, and H. Whitney.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: B. Fouse and Schiffrin.

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda No items were removed.

General Business

1. Election of Officers

Vice-Chair H. Whitney opened the floor for nominations for Water Commission Chair.

Commissioner C. Keutmann nominated H. Whitney for Chair.

By acclamation, H. Whitney was elected Water Commission Chair for 2009

Chair H. Whitney opened the floor for nominations for Water Commission Vice-Chair.

Commissioner C. Keutmann nominated S. O'Hara for Vice-Chair.

By acclamation, S. O'Hara was elected Water Commission Vice-Chair for 2009

2. Desalination Program Update

Desalination Program Coordinator H. Luckenbach provided a PowerPoint presentation on the recent progress of the scwd² Desalination Program. The PowerPoint presentation will be included in the original papers.

No action was taken on this item.

3. Initial Water Supply Outlook for 2009

Water Conservation Manager T. Goddard reported that this rainfall year is very different than any other year in the recorded history. His report included two water supply availability scenarios that are based upon 1977 water production records and 1977 streamflows, respectively. Staff has began meeting regularly with key City staff with regards to overall management of the situation. If the water supply outlook does not improve greatly in the next weeks the Water Commission will be asked to take action at its March 2, 2009 meeting.

Public Comments

Sigrid McLaughlin made oral comments on water conservation and provided written comments to the Water Commission.

At this time no action was taken on this item.

Subcommittee/Advisory Body Oral Reports

1. City of Santa Cruz/Soquel Creek Water District Desalination Task Force No report.

Director's Oral Report

1. Monthly Status of Water Supply There was nothing further to report.
2. Desalination Program There was nothing further to report.

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas No items.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m. until the next regular meeting of the Water Commission scheduled for March 2, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

ss/Donna Paul
Staff