



**Water Commission  
Minutes  
7:00 p.m. – Monday, March 1, 2010  
Council Chambers  
809 Center Street Santa Cruz**

Minutes of the March 1, 2010 Water Commission Meeting

**Call to Order** Vice Chair O’Hara called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**Roll Call**

Present: B. Fouse, L. Kasa, R. Mazurek, M. McClellan, D. Meyers, and S. O’Hara  
Absent: H. Whitney absent with notice  
Staff: B. Kocher, Water Director, P. Harmon, Principal Analyst, T. Goddard, Water Conservation Manager and R. Coletta, Administrative Assistant

Introduction by Water Director B. Kocher of the two new commissioners. Commissioner Donna Meyers and Commissioner Robert Mazurek

**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**

For lack of majority the approval of the January 11, 2010 Water Commission minutes have been moved to the next meeting April 5, 2010

**VOICE VOTE**

AYES: B. Fouse, M. McClellan, and S. O’Hara  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: H. Whitney  
ABSTAIN: L. Kasa , R. Mazurek, D. Meyers

## **Consent Agenda**

Commissioner L. Kasa moved approval of the Consent Agenda as submitted. Commissioner B. Fouse seconded

### **VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

AYES: B. Fouse, L. Kasa, R. Mazurek, M. McClellan, D. Meyers, and S. O'Hara

NOES: None

ABSENT: H. Whitney

ABSTAIN:

**Items Removed from the Consent Agenda** No items were removed

## **General Business**

### 1. Election of Officers

Vice Chair O'Hara opened the floor for nomination for Chair

Commissioner L. Kasa nominated Commissioner S. O'Hara who accepted  
Commissioner L. Kasa moved to close the nominations. Commissioner M. McClellan seconded

### **VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

AYES: B. Fouse, L. Kasa, R. Mazurek, M. McClellan, D. Meyers, and S. O'Hara

NOES: None

ABSENT: H. Whitney

ABSTAIN:

**By acclamation, Commissioner S. O'Hara was elected Chair**

Vice Chair O'Hara opened the floor for nomination for Vice Chair

Commissioner B. Fouse nominated M. McClellan who respectfully declined  
Commissioner L. Kasa nominated Commissioner H. Whitney in absentia  
Commissioner S. O'Hara moved to close the nominations. Commissioner B. Fouse seconded

### **VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

AYES: B. Fouse, L. Kasa, R. Mazurek, M. McClellan, D. Meyers, and S. O'Hara

NOES: None

ABSENT: H. Whitney

ABSTAIN:

**By acclamation, Commissioner H. Whitney was elected Vice Chair**

## 2. Water Shortage Ordinance

Water Conservation T. Goddard provided a staff report with changes to the water shortage ordinance

Commissioner B. Fouse moved to approve that the City Council repeal Ordinance 2009-14 and enact a new ordinance to read as Chapter 16.01 of the Municipal Code, Commissioner L. Kasa seconded

### VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

AYES: B. Fouse, L. Kasa, R. Mazurek, M. McClellan, D. Meyers, and S. O'Hara

NOES: None

ABSENT: H. Whitney

ABSTAIN:

## 3. Fund Balance Policy

Principal Analyst P. Harmon provided a staff report clarifying the difference between the different water funds and answered questions from the commission

Commissioner L. Kasa moved to accept staff recommendation for using the rate revenue based Water Fund (711) balance as a threshold for stipulation on implementing the scheduled rate increases (per resolution No. NS-26,613). Commissioner S. O'Hara seconded.

Commissioner M. McClellan made a request to amend the motion by specifying that the threshold for stipulation is Fund 711 cash balance only. Commissioner L. Kasa accepted the amendment and Commissioner S. O'Hara seconded

### VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

AYES: B. Fouse, L. Kasa, R. Mazurek, M. McClellan, D. Meyers, and S. O'Hara

NOES: None.

ABSENT: H. Whitney

ABSTAIN:

## 4. Water Supply Conditions, Revised Estimate of Water Supply Availability for 2010

Water Conservation T. Goddard gave an update on the revised report and answered questions from the commission

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM

## **Subcommittee/Advisory Body Oral Reports**

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

Water Commissioner S. O'Hara report on the two meetings in January and February that she attended as the Water Commission Representative

## **Director's Oral Report**

Desalination Program

Water Director Kocher provided a program update and a status report on the various studies that are being undertaken as part of the Desalination Program

Commissioner M. McClellan requested that a progress report chart be included in the next meeting packet

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas     *No items were initiated.*

**Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. until the next regular meeting of the Water Commission scheduled for April 12, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

ss/Renée Coletta  
Staff