



**Water Commission
Minutes
7:00 p.m. – Monday, May 3, 2010
Council Chambers
809 Center Street Santa Cruz**

Minutes of the May 3, 2010 Water Commission Meeting

Call to Order Chair S. O’Hara called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Roll Call

Present: B Fouse, L. Kasa, R. Mazurek, M. McClellan, D. Meyers, S. O’Hara (Chair) and H. Whitney.

Absent: None.

Staff: T. Goddard, Water Conservation Manager; B. Kocher, Water Director 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

Commissioner M. McClellan reported that he will be absent on June 7, 2010.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner B. Fouse moved approval of the April 12, 2010 Water Commission minutes. Commissioner H. Whitney seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

AYES: B Fouse, L. Kasa, R. Mazurek, M. McClellan, D. Meyers, S. O’Hara (Chair) and H. Whitney.

NOES: None.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner H. Whitney moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Commissioner M. McClellan seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

AYES: B Fouse, L. Kasa, R. Mazurek, M. McClellan, D. Meyers, S. O’Hara (Chair) and H. Whitney.

NOES: None.

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda No items were removed.

General Business

1. Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance, Chapter 16.16

Water Conservation Manager T. Goddard provided the staff report and answered the Commission’s questions.

Commission Comments

The ordinance proposed is much more understandable than the model provided by the State.

The Commission discussed the public education component of the new regulations and how the information should be provided during the permitting process along with enforcement..

The Commission requested that on page 69, third paragraph, second sentence-- New parks, playgrounds, sports fields, and golf courses are subject to the all the provisions of this Chapter except the turf area limits set forth in Section 16.16.070 (c) (1).

Commissioner H. Whitney moved to recommend that City Council repeal Chapter 16.16 of the Santa Cruz Municipal Code and enact a Chapter 16.16 of the Municipal Code as amended in discussion above. Commissioner B. Fouse seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

AYES: B Fouse, L. Kasa, R. Mazurek, M. McClellan, D. Meyers, S. O’Hara (Chair) and H. Whitney.

NOES: None.

Subcommittee/Advisory Body Oral Reports

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

Commissioner O’Hara report that the April meeting was cancelled.

Director’s Oral Report

1. Monthly Status of Water Supply

The reservoir remains full, the river flows are all over the place due to recent storms and use remains low at 7mgd.

2. Desalination Program

- The Pilot Report is complete and will guide the design of the proposed full scale plant. It is available at <http://www.scwd2desal.org>.
- The Watershed Sanitary Survey is in final review.
- Kennedy Jenks Consultants is preparing the feasibility study for the intake.
- The CEQA/NEPA kickoff was held with URS. Scoping will begin in January 2011.
- The request for proposals for Design Services is out and proposals are due May 27, 2010.
- Public Outreach continues with one-on-one meetings with community members along with development of white papers on such subjects as conservation, reclaim and energy use.
- A Community Workshop on the conservation programs being done by both agencies is scheduled for May 27, 2010 at a location to be announced.
- The final invoice (retention) for the Grant on the Pilot Study has been submitted for payment. The Grant for the intake study has reached the maximum matching amount of \$625,000.

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

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m. until next meeting of the Water Commission scheduled for June 7, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

ss/Donna Paul

Staff