



**Water Commission
Minutes
7:00 p.m. – Monday, October 4, 2010
Council Chambers
809 Center Street Santa Cruz**

Minutes of a 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, R. Mazurek, M. McClellan, D. Meyers and S. O’Hara (Chair).

Absent: L. Kasa, absent with notice.

Staff: L. Almond, Deputy Director/Engineering Manager; H. Dalton, Water Quality Manager, T. Goddard, Water Conservation Manager; and D. Paul, Administrative Assistant

Others: R. Clark, Climate Action Coordinator; J. Rebagliati, Planning Director.

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 B. Fouse moved approval of the August 23, 2010 minutes as submitted.

Commissioner D. Meyers seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

AYES: B. Fouse, R. Mazurek, and D. Meyers.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: L. Kasa.

ABSTAIN: M. McClellan and S. O’Hara

Consent Agenda

Commissioner D. Meyers moved approval of the Consent Agenda as submitted. Commissioner R. Mazurek seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: L. Kasa.

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda No items were removed.

General Business

1. Elect Vice-Chair

Chair S. O'Hara opened the floor to nominations for Vice-Chair and nominated Commissioner R. Mazurek.

Commissioner B. Fouse moved to close the nominations. Commissioner D. Meyers seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: L. Kasa.

By acclamation Commissioner R. Mazurek was elected Vice-Chair.

2. Public Health Goals Report

Water Quality Manager H. Dalton provided the staff report and answered questions from the Commission on this item.

Chair O'Hara opened the public hearing. Being no public comments, the public hearing was closed and no further action was taken.

3. Large Landscape Water Budget Project (oral presentation)

Water Conservation Manager T. Goddard presented the GardenSoft, Large Landscape Water Budgets and Irrigation Equipment Rebate Programs and answered questions from the Commission on these programs..

At 7:50 p.m. Chair O'Hara left the meeting and Vice-Chair Mazurek took over the duties of Chair from this point forward.

4. Presentation on the Draft Climate Action Plan

Planning Director J. Rebagliati introduced Climate Action Coordinator R. Clark. He reported that the Draft Climate Action Plan is now complete and is being presented to City Advisory Bodies for comment.

Commission Comments

- From the business community perspective it is confusing that there is no clearinghouse or lead agency to coordinate the many different green programs. Numerous agencies and private businesses are promoting sustainability through programs or products but there is no place to go to find unbiased information on which one performs best. For most businesses, investing in green technology is very expensive and there is no guarantee that the initial cost will ever be recovered. What is being done to coordinate all of these different programs?
- A discussion of energy use for the proposed desalination plant is not included in the Climate Action Plan. Energy use for the proposed desalination plant has been identified as one of the greatest concern by the public and several community based groups.

- The transportation goal to increase local bus ridership by 50% is unrealistic since the transit district has reduced service levels significantly.
- The goals and objectives of the plan are clearly stated, but the chart of key actions does not provide enough information in order to determine if the action is achievable and will meet the goals.

Subcommittee/Advisory Body Oral Reports

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

Deputy Director Almond reported that three tech memos have recently been finalized. The Department of Public Health has provided its comments on the Watershed Sanitary Survey and will approve the desalination project as a potable water supply. A technical working group meeting consisting of regulators and technical experts (scientists) was held to discuss the Intake Feasibility Study. A report will be presented to the Desalination Task Force that may include a recommendation on an approach to the intake structure. Staff is working with URS on the project objectives for the EIR. The initial meeting with CDM for the design was held to set goals. The September 23rd public meeting on recycled water was well received. The next public meeting is scheduled for November 10th on marine issues.

Director’s Oral Report.

1. Monthly Status of Water Supply

Water Conservation Manager Goddard reported that October 1 begins a new water year. The reservoir is at 92% capacity and the flow in the San Lorenzo River is at 15cfs.

2. Desalination Program There was nothing further to report.

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

On the November agenda, a broader discussion of the Climate Action Plan in order to determine if the Water Commission will comment on the plan or make a recommendation to Council.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m. until the next meeting of the Water Commission scheduled for November 1, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Paul

Staff