



**Water Commission
Minutes
7:00 p.m. – Monday, March 7, 2011
Council Chambers
809 Center Street Santa Cruz**

Minutes of a Water Commission meeting

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

Roll Call

Present: L. Kasa, R. Mazurek, G. Mead, M. McClellan, D. Meyers and A. Schiffrin.
Absent: B. Fouse, absent with notice.
Staff: L. Almond, Deputy Director/Engineering Manager; C. Berry, Water Resources Manager; P. Harmon, Principal Management Analyst; B. Kocher, Water Director and D. Paul, Administrative Assistant.
Other: Sixteen members of the public.

Presentation There were no presentations.

Statements of Disqualification There were no statements of disqualification.

Oral Communications

Oral Communications were made by P. Pethoe.

Announcements There were no announcements.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved approval of the February 7, 2011 Water Commission minutes as submitted. Commissioner L. Kasa seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

AYES: L. Kasa, R. Mazurek, G. Mead, M. McClellan, D. Meyers and A. Schiffrin.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: B. Fouse.

Consent Agenda

Items 4 - Urban Water Management Plan Update Information; 5 - North Coast System Rehabilitation Project – Harvey West Segment; and 8 - Correspondence from Paul Gratz cc: to Water Commission were pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved approval of the Consent Agenda as amended. Commissioner M. McClellan seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

AYES: L. Kasa, R. Mazurek, G. Mead, M. McClellan, D. Meyers and A. Schiffrin.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: B. Fouse.

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

4. Urban Water Management Plan Update (UWMP)

The Commission discussed being provided the opportunity to participate in the development of the UWMP update and asked that staff report back at the next meeting with information on how this can be accomplished.

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved to continue the Urban Water Management Plan Update to the April meeting for further information. Commissioner G. Mead seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

AYES: L. Kasa, R. Mazurek, G. Mead, M. McClellan, D. Meyers and A. Schiffrin.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: B. Fouse.

5. North Coast System Rehabilitation Project.

Commissioner A. Schiffrin reported that he had submitted a comment on this project regarding traffic impacts at the intersection of Highway 1/9 but had not seen a response to his comment.

Deputy Director L. Almond reported that the CEQA consultant reviewed the comment and concluded that what was written was sufficient for CEQA; however the permit issued by Cal Trans requires night work thus eliminating the traffic impacts.

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved to accept information item 5. North Coast System Rehabilitation Project. Commissioner L. Kasa seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

AYES: L. Kasa, R. Mazurek, G. Mead, M. McClellan, D. Meyers and A. Schiffrin.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: B. Fouse.

8. Correspondence from Paul Gratz cc to Water Commission.

The Commission acknowledged Mr. Gratz's letter and that he put a great deal of thought and effort in writing it, whether it is factual or not.

The Commission requested that staff prepare a written response for the Chair's signature that provides information to address Mr. Gratz's concerns and why this project is the right solution for the City's future water supply.

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved to accept information item Correspondence from Paul Gratz cc to Water Commission. Commissioner M. McClellan seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

AYES: L. Kasa, R. Mazurek, G. Mead, M. McClellan, D. Meyers and A. Schiffrin.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: B. Fouse.

General Business

1. Endangered Species Act Section 10A1b (Incidental Take) Permit(s) Status (Oral Report)

Water Resources Manager C. Berry provided information on the work that has been done to prepare a Habitat Conservation Plan in order to secure a Section 10 Incidental Take Permit issued by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or NOAA Fisheries.

The PowerPoint presentation will be included in the original papers.

Water Director B. Kocher reported that at 5:00 p.m. on April 5, 2011 a presentation will be made to Council on the Habitat Conservation Strategy and the next steps in securing a Section 10 Permit. The Water Commission should plan on attending. A draft Conservation Strategy will be provided to the Commission for review at its May 2, 2011 meeting.

Public comments were received from P. Pethoe.

Commission Comments

The Commission requested that a discussion of its role in this process be included in the staff presentation to Council on April 5, 2011.

No action was taken on this item.

2. Capital Improvement Program (CIP) 3-Year Outlook

Deputy Water Director L. Almond provided the engineering portion of the staff report and answered questions about the projects in the Capital Improvement Program. Principal Analyst P. Harmon provided the financial portion of the staff report and answered questions on the fiscal aspect of the Capital Improvement Program.

Public Comments were received from R. Longinotti, P. Pethoe and S. Pleich.

Commission Discussion

The Commission expressed concerns on the format of the City-wide CIP document and requested that staff will present it in a format that is readily understandable to the Commission at its next meeting. The information provided on the desalination program should include a report of the costs to date and information on what the Soquel Creek Water District will be

contributing. It should also include a narrative that provides information on the project status and expenses for all carryover projects.

Commissioner L. Kasa left the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

The Commission asked that a recommendation be made to Council requesting that water funds being transferred to public art be used on art related to water and in particular the San Lorenzo River.

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved approval of Fiscal Year 2012-2014 Capital Improvement Program as amended and asked that a recommendation be made to the City Manager and Finance Director to request that the budget document include a clear explanation of how to read it in order for it to be more understandable to member of the public. Commissioner D. Meyers seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

AYES: R. Mazurek, G. Mead, M. McClellan, D. Meyers and A. Schiffrin.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: B. Fouse and L. Kasa.

Subcommittee/Advisory Body Oral Reports

1. City of Santa Cruz/Soquel Creek Water District scwd² Desalination Task Force

Commissioner D. Meyers reported that at the February meeting the Kennedy Jenks Consultant – Independent Technical Advisor – Contract Amendment No. 3 was approved and the meeting time was changed from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month.

Commissioner D. Meyers reported that she has a conflict at the new time and requested that a new representative be appointed.

Director’s Oral Report

1. Monthly Status of Water Supply

The report on the storm damage repairs (Laguna and Majors) will be provided at the April meeting due to the presentation materials being unavailable to for display.

2. Desalination Program

Director B. Kocher reported that work continues on the following:

- Environmental Impact Report (URS);
- Energy Minimization and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Study (Kennedy Jenks);
- RO Membrane Design (Camp Dresser and McKee, Inc.)
- Transmission Main Evaluation (Akel Engineering Group, Inc.)

Informational Items No action was taken on this item.

1. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel – 02-08-11
2. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel – 02-22-11
3. News Article – Santa Cruz Good Times – 02-22-11
4. News Article – Santa Cruz Good Times – 02-22-11
5. News Article – Santa Cruz Good Times – 02-22-11
6. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel – 02-23-11

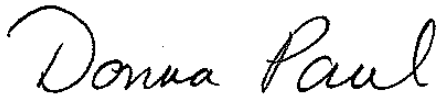
Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

Appoint Water Commission representative to the **scwd**² Desalination Task Force.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m. until next meeting of the Water Commission scheduled for April 4, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,



Staff