



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

Minutes of a Water Commission Meeting

Call to Order Chair M. McClellan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. He welcomed Andy Schiffrin.

Roll Call

Present: B. Fouse, L. Kasa, R. Mazurek, M. McClellan (Chair), G. Mead, D. Meyers and A. Schiffrin.

Absent: None.

Staff: Water Conservation Manager T. Goddard, Water Director B. Kocher and Administrative Assistant D. Paul.

Presentation There were no presentations.

Statements of Disqualification There were no statements of disqualification.

Oral Communications

Oral Communications were made by Steve Pleich. He invited the Water Commission to attend an event on February 16, 2011 being presented by Santa Cruz Desal Alternatives.

Oral Communications were made by Commissioner A. Schiffrin regarding the Notice of Intent to Issue a Mitigated Negative Declaration North Coast System Repair and Replacement Project – Harvey West Segment asking for further information on the project at a future meeting.

Announcements There were no announcements.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner R. Mazurek moved approval of the January 3, 2011 Water Commission minutes as submitted. Commissioner B. Fouse seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

AYES: B. Fouse, R. Mazurek, M. McClellan (Chair), G. Mead.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: L. Kasa, D. Meyers and A. Schiffrin.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved approval of the Consent Agenda as submitted. Commissioner L. Kasa seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

AYES: B. Fouse, L. Kasa, R. Mazurek, M. McClellan (Chair), G. Mead, D. Meyers and A. Schiffrin.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda No items were removed.

General Business

1. Election of Officers

Chair M. McClellan opened the floor for nominations for Water Commission Chair and nominated Commissioner R. Mazurek.

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved to close the nominations. Commissioner M. McClellan seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

AYES: B. Fouse, L. Kasa, R. Mazurek, M. McClellan (Chair), G. Mead, D. Meyers and A. Schiffrin.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

By acclamation, Commissioner R. Mazurek was appointed as Water Commission Chair and took over the duties.

Chair R. Mazurek opened the floor for nominations as Water Commission Vice-chair.

Commissioner L. Kasa nominated Commissioner D. Meyers as Vice-chair.

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved to close the nominations. Commissioner R. Mazurek seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

AYES: B. Fouse, L. Kasa, R. Mazurek, M. McClellan (Chair), G. Mead, D. Meyers and A. Schiffrin.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

By acclamation, Commissioner D. Meyers was appointed as Water Commission Vice-chair.

2. Summary Report on the 2009 Water Shortage

Water Conservation Manager Goddard provided the staff report and answered questions from the Commission on this item.

Comments

- It is alarming that only 13 responses were received to the Customer Survey.
- It would be helpful to include a section on the role of the Water Commission.
- It may be useful to begin work on preparing for the next drought.
- It would be helpful to provide information/advice to homeowners on irrigations systems.

ACTION TAKEN: No Action Was Taken.

3. Water Supply Conditions and Initial Estimate of Water Supply Availability for 2011

Water Conservation Manager Goddard provided the staff report on this item.

Oral comments were made by Steve Pleich.

ACTION TAKEN: No Action Was Taken.

Subcommittee/Advisory Body Oral Reports

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

The Task Force approved the scope of work for hydraulic modeling to move desalination water to the Soquel Creek Water District that is necessary to inform the EIR and a scope of work for the next two phases of work on the Energy Minimization and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Study at its January meeting.

Commissioner A. Schiffrin volunteered to be the Water Commission alternate representative.

Director's Oral Report

1. Monthly Status of Water Supply

There was nothing further to report.

2. Desalination Program

The Intake Feasibility Study is in final review by the technical working group and will be presented to the task force in April. It will be used to inform the EIR.

The comment period closed on January 10, 2011 on the Notice of Preparation/Initial Study. Fifty-nine (59) written and thirty-two (32) verbal comments were received. A scoping document that provides a detailed account of the public scoping process is available at www.scwd2.org.

The public meeting on Energy has been postponed until the energy study is complete. The final scope to complete the energy study will be presented at the February Task Force meeting.

The facility design continues to move forward. Next step is presentation of a recommended reverse osmosis system configuration at the March Task Force meeting.

The transmission main evaluation has begun which will look and inform the EIR on the various alignments and improvements associated with moving/pumping raw seawater, brine, and treated water.

Informational Items No action was taken on this item.

1. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel – 01-04-11
2. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel – 01-05-11
3. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel – 01-06-11
4. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel – 01-23-11
5. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel – 01-30-11
6. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel – 02-03-11 (meeting handout)
7. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel – 02-04-11 (meeting handout)
8. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel – 02-06-11 (meeting handout)

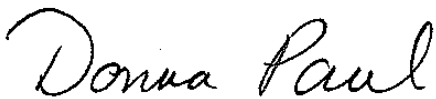
Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

- Information Report on the recent LAFCO proceeding, including the new water policy and the letter written by the City Attorney.
- Include on the Director’s Oral Report a briefing on the update to the Urban Water Management Plan.
- Status Report on the December 2010 storm damage on the North Coast System.
- Status Report on the Soquel Creek Water District’s O’Neill Well Project.

Commissioner B. Fouse will be absent with notice for the March 2011 meeting.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. until the next meeting of the Water Commission scheduled for March 7, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,



Staff