



**Water Commission
Minutes
7:00 p.m. – Monday, April 4, 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: B. Fouse, R. Mazurek (Chair), G. Mead, M. McClellan, and A. Schiffrin.
Absent: L. Kasa and D. Meyers, both absent with notice.
Staff: L. Almond, Deputy Director/Engineering Manager; T. Goddard, Water Conservation Manager and D. Paul, Administrative Assistant.
Other: Approximately twenty 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 Bruce Daniels, Paul Gratz, Steve Pliech, Peter Pethoe and Fred Geiger.

Announcements There were no announcements.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Mead moved approval of the March 7, 2011 Water Commission minutes as submitted. Commissioner M. McClellan seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

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

Consent Agenda

Item 3 - Amended Capital Improvement Program FY 2012-2014 Request was continued to the next meeting.

Items 4, 5, and 6 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: B. Fouse, R. Mazurek, G. Mead, M. McClellan, and A. Schiffrin.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: L. Kasa and D. Meyers.

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

4. Long Term Financial Planning for Capital Improvement Program (10-year CIP forecast – information item to prepare for May 2011 Commission meeting)

Oral comments were made by Steve Pliech, Peter Pethoe, Doug Engfer, Bill Raff and Rick Longinotti.

The Commission requested that staff provide a narrative for each of the large projects that include a historical perspective and anticipated construction costs. Grants and Reimbursement from Soquel Creek Water District should be listed separately within the Water Supply Project costs.

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved approval of item 4. Long Term Financial Planning for Capital Improvement Program (10-year CIP forecast – information item to prepare for May 2011 Commission meeting) and requested that the questions posed by Mr. Longinotti be forwarded to the Desalination Program Coordinator to be included on the Frequently Asked Questions page of the **scwd**² website. Commissioner Fouse seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

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

5. Letter to Paul Gratz

Oral Comments were made by Paul Gratz.

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved approval of the Letter to Paul Gratz. Commissioner B. Fouse seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

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

6. Water Supply Project Expenses

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved to continue Water Supply Project Expenses to the next Water Commission meeting. Commissioner G. Mead seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

AYES: B. Fouse, R. Mazurek, G. Mead, M. McClellan, and A. Schiffrin.

NOES: None.
ABSENT: L. Kasa and D. Meyers.

General Business

1. Water Supply Assessment for City of Santa Cruz General Plan 2030

Water Conservation Manager T. Goddard provided the staff report and answered questions from the public and the Commission.

K. Thomas of the Planning Department spoke about the development of the General Plan.

Public Comments were made by Fred Geiger, Gary Patton, Rick Longinotti, Paul Gratz, John Doering, Peter Pethoe, Bill Malone and Bruce Daniels.

Water Commission Comments

The Water Supply Assessment is very compelling but also very speculative and the function of the document is very limited. It highlights the need for continued water conservation and the need to build a water supply project.

The Commission requested that the Habitat Conservation Plan report come to the Water Commission for review.

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved to recommend that City Council approve the Water Supply Assessment and requested that information about the HCP process being presented the following day to City Council be transmitted to the General Plan EIR consultant so that it can be incorporated into the General Plan EIR. It was further requested that staff provide the Commission with copies of the City's adopted Water Conservation Plan and the California Urban Water Conservation Council MOU, and that in 3 months or after the completion of the Urban Water Management Plan, that staff provide the Commission with an update for considering potential additional programs and developing the next generation water conservation plan. Commissioner G. Mead seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

AYES: B. Fouse, R. Mazurek, G. Mead, M. McClellan, and A. Schiffrin.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: L. Kasa and D. Meyers

Subcommittee/Advisory Body Oral Reports

1. City of Santa Cruz/Soquel Creek Water District **scwd**² Desalination Task Force

There was no report.

Commissioner A. Schiffrin was appointed to be the Water Commission representative to the **scwd**² Desalination Task Force.

Director's Oral Report

1. Monthly Status of Water Supply

Water Conservation Manager T. Goddard provided the Final Estimate of Water Supply Availability for 2011.

2. Desalination Program

There was no report.

Informational Items No action was taken on this item

1. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel – 03-08-11
2. News Article – Santa Cruz Weekly – 03-08-11
3. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel – 03-12-11
4. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel – 03-13-11
5. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel – 03-15-11
6. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel – 03-21-11
7. News Article – Santa Cruz Weekly – 03-23-11

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

Oral Report - Demand Projections for the Urban Water Management Plan.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m. until the next meeting of the Water Commission scheduled for May 2, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,



Staff