



**Water Commission  
Action Agenda  
7:00 p.m. – Monday, May 2, 2011  
Council Chambers  
809 Center Street Santa Cruz**

Action Agenda prepared on May 3, 2011

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

**Roll Call**

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

**Absent:** None.

**Staff:** L. Almond, Deputy Director/Engineering Manager; T. Goddard, Water Conservation Manager; P. Harmon, Principal Management Analyst; B. Kocher, Water Director and D. Paul, Administrative Assistant.

**Others:** Eight 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 Paul Gratz, Steve Pliech, Peter Pethoe and Jean Brocklebank.

**Announcements** There were no announcements.

**Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved approval of the April 4, 2011 Water Commission minutes as submitted. Commissioner M. McClellan seconded.

**VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

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

**NOES:** None.

**ABSTAIN:** L. Kasa and D. Meyers.

**Consent Agenda**

Items 3-Amended Capital Improvement Program FY 2012-2014; 4-email from Paul Gratz; 5-Water Supply Project Expenses; 6-Habitat Conservation Plan presentation to Council 04-05-11 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, L. Kasa, R. Mazurek, M. McClellan, G. Mead, D. Meyers, and A. Schiffrin.

NOES:            None.

**Items Removed from the Consent Agenda**

3. Amended Capital Improvement Program FY 2012-2014

Public comments were made by Jean Brocklebank and Peter Pethoe.

The Commission requested to receive the final version of the Capital Improvement Program.

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved approval to accept the information provided in Consent Agenda Item 3-Amended Capital Improvement Program FY 2012-2014 as submitted. Commissioner M. McClellan seconded.

**VOICE VOTE    MOTION CARRIED**

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

NOES:            None.

4. Email from Paul Gratz

Public comments were made by Paul Gratz.

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved approval to accept the information provided in Consent Agenda Item 4-Email from Paul Gratz as submitted. Commissioner L. Kasa seconded.

**VOICE VOTE    MOTION CARRIED**

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

NOES:            None.

5. Water Supply Project Expenses

Public comments were made by Jean Brocklebank and Peter Pethoe.

The Commission requested information on project expenses by year and by fund.

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved approval to accept the information in Consent Agenda Item 5-Water Supply Project Expenses as submitted. Commissioner B. Fouse seconded.

**VOICE VOTE    MOTION CARRIED**

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

6. Habitat Conservation Plan presentation to Council 04-05-11

Public comments were made by Jean Brocklebank and Peter Pethoe.

The Commission requested information on a comparison of supply projections with and without environmental flows. Demand projections should also be shown.

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved approval to accept the information in Consent Agenda Item 6- Habitat Conservation Plan presentation to Council 04-05-11 as submitted. Commissioner G. Mead seconded.

**VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

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

**General Business**

1. Residential/Commercial Baseline Survey

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

Public comments were made by Paul Gratz, Steve Pliech, Jean Brocklebank, Peter Pethoe, Michael Lewis and Danielle Dooley.

Commission comments

The Commission suggested that an incentive be should offered and participants be informed that the purpose of the survey is informational only.

It is important to include the business community and in particular the hospitality industry since water restrictions have serious economic impacts.

The survey is an important gauge of the Water Conservation Plan that was put into effect 10 years ago. It will quantify the results and measure the impacts of overall program and inform the next generation of water conservation measures.

This is an important step in the process to identify and determine what it would take to make water conservation a realistic alternative to the proposed desalination plant.

The Commission requests a status report midway through the project.

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved that City Council approve a contract with WaterWise Consulting Inc. to perform the Water Use Baseline Survey. Commissioner M. McClellan seconded.

**VOICE VOTE    MOTION CARRIED**

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

**NOES:**            None.

**2. Per Capita Water Use Calculations**

Water Conservation Manager Goddard provided the staff report and answered questions on this item. The PowerPoint presentation will be included in the original papers

Public comments were made by Jean Brocklebank and Paul Gratz.

No action was taken on this item.

**3. Long Term Financial Planning for Capital Improvement Program (CIP) - Major Projects Background, Basis of Cost Estimates, and Fiscal Impact Scenarios**

Principal Management Analyst Harmon provided the staff report and presented an interactive demonstration of three different fiscal impact scenarios.

The commission reviewed and commented on the three scenarios. The item will be continued to the next meeting and Commissioners may suggest scenarios to be presented and may also request to have an electronic version of the spreadsheet.

No action was taken on this item.

**Subcommittee/Advisory Body Oral Reports**

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

There was no report.

**Director's Oral Report**

**1. Monthly Status of Water Supply**

Director Kocher reported that rainfall totals in the City are above normal.

**2. Desalination Program**

Director Kocher provided a status report on the intake study, CEQA, energy plan, transmission main design, budget and meetings held with regulators.

**Informational Items** No action was taken on this item

1. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 04-25-11
2. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 04-24-11
3. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 04-15-11
4. News Article – Santa Cruz Weekly 04-11-11
5. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 04-07-11
6. News Article – Santa Cruz Weekly 04-07-11
7. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 04-06-11
8. News Article – Santa Cruz Patch 04-06-11
9. News Article – Santa Cruz Weekly 04-05-11
10. News Article – Santa Cruz Patch 04-04-11
11. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 04-03-11
12. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 03-31-11
13. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 04-20-11\* distributed at meeting

### **Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas**

Commissioner Mazurek and Kasa will be absent for the July 11, 2011 meeting.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 p.m. until the next meeting of the Water Commission scheduled for June 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.