



**Water Commission
Minutes
7:00 p.m. – Monday, May 2, 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, 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.

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.

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.

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 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.

General Business

1. Residential/Commercial Baseline Survey

Water Conservation Manager T. 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 should be offered and participants be informed that the purpose of the survey is for information 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 would like to receive 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 T. 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 other scenarios for presentation and may also request to have a 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**² 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 regulator.

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

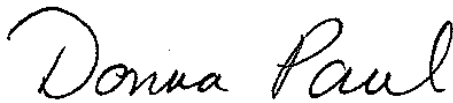
Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

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

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,



Staff