



Water Commission
7:00 p.m. – Monday, August 22, 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 (Chair), G. Mead and D. Meyers.
Absent: B. Fouse, M. McClellan and A. Schiffrin all absent with notice.
Staff: P. Harmon, Principal Management Analyst; B. Kocher, Water Director; L. Tolles Management Analyst; and D. Paul Administrative Assistant.
Others: Approximately 50 members of the public.

Presentation

Santa Cruz Desal Alternatives provided recommendations for the Urban Water Management Plan.

Presentations were made by P. Gratz, S. Mansergh, J. Proffitt, G. Love, J. Bentley, D. Stearns, P. Scott and H. Ruffin.

Public Comments were made by M. Rotkin, S. Graham, F. Geiger, R. Cook, P. Brown, C. Mathews, B. Smith, J. Griffiths, R. Searle, R. Curry, J. Aird, P. Pethoe and C. Gunderson.

Materials provided to the Commission will be included in the original papers.

Commission Comments

The Commission requested that

- Staff prepare a report covering what the Water Department is doing and what has previously been explored and analyzed based upon the twenty-two recommendations in the Santa Cruz Desal Alternatives materials.
- Staff revisit conjunctive use and recycled water and provide information summarizing all of past efforts on these concepts over that last twenty years.
- Staff provide information on how System Development Charges for new development works and how it achieves results similar to a demand offset program in comparison to Soquel Creek Water District.

Statements of Disqualification There were no statements of disqualification.

Oral Communications

Oral communications were made by S. Graham, M. Rotkin and C. Herndon.

Announcements There were no announcements.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner L. Kasa moved approval of the June 6, 2011 Water Commission minutes as submitted. Commissioner G. Mead seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

AYES: L. Kasa, R. Mazurek (Chair) and G. Mead.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: B. Fouse, M. McClellan and A. Schiffrin

ABSTAIN: D. Meyers.

Consent Agenda

Item No. 3 Final Capital Improvement Program FY 2012-2014 and 4 Water Supply & Demand with Habitat Conservation Plan Impacts were pulled for discussion.

Commissioner D. Meyers moved approval of the Consent Agenda as amended. Commissioner G. Mead seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

AYES: L. Kasa, R. Mazurek (Chair) and G. Mead and D. Meyers

NOES: None

ABSENT: B. Fouse, M. McClellan and A. Schiffrin

3. Final Capital Improvement Program (CIP) FY 2012-2014

The Commission requested that staff prepare a Council FYI that addresses concerns and explains the differences in the versions of the Capital Improvement Program approved by the Water Commission and the version submitted by the Finance Department and approved by Council.

4. Water Supply & Demand with Habitat Conservation Plan Impacts

Director Kocher will schedule a meeting with Commissioner Mead in order determine a more understandable format for the data to be presented.

Public comments were made by P. Pethoe.

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

General Business

1. Long-Term Financial Planning for Capital Improvement Program – Framework for Policy

Principal Management Analyst Harmon provided the staff report and answered the task force questions.

Public Comments were made by M. Rotkin and P. Gratz.

Commission Comments

The Water Commission formed an ad hoc Long-Term Financial Planning Subcommittee in order to work with staff to develop the draft Fiscal Policy.

Chair Mazurek appointed R. Mazurek, G. Mead and A. Schiffrin. He will check to see if Commissioner McClellan is interested in serving on the subcommittee and may make changes at a future meeting.

2. City Climate Adaptation Plan Presentation

Project Manager C. Atchison provided information on the City's Climate Adaptation Plan.

3. SCWD² Energy Status Reports No. 2 - 4 and Proposed Evaluation Criteria

This item was continued to next meeting. Please retain these materials for next meeting.

Subcommittee/Advisory Body Reports

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

CEQA – URS' project team is launching development of the draft EIR the week of August 22. The draft is currently scheduled to be published early 2012. Incorporated into the dEIR is the Conceptual Design of several intake alternatives. This work has been developed by Kennedy Jenks Consultant and URS with input from the technical working groups. The level of effort is consistent with informing the dEIR.

ENERGY Plan – A workshop was held to discuss various (~35) projects that are broadly categorized as energy efficiency, renewable and greenhouse gas reduction projects. The Group consisted of technical working group, staff and other professionals. Project list was reduced to ~16 that will be evaluated in much more detail.

Facility Design – Camp, Dresser and McKee team, along with City departments (Planning, Redevelopment and Parks) is developing architectural rendering for the EIR.

Director's Oral Report

1. Monthly Status of Water Supply

Director Kocher reported on river flows, lake elevation and capacity along with average daily use. He reported that the water main in River Street is currently being replaced as part of the North Coast Pipeline Replacement project.

2. Desalination Program Nothing further to report.

Media Items No action was taken on this item.

1. News Article – Aptos Times 06-15-11
2. News Article – Santa Cruz Good Times 06-16-11
3. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 06-22-11
4. News Article – Scotts Valley Press Banner 06-30-11
5. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 07-20-11
6. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 07-26-11
7. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 07-28-11
8. News Article – Santa Cruz Weekly 08-03-11
9. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 08-04-11
10. News Article – Scotts Valley Press Banner 08-05-11
11. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 08-09-11

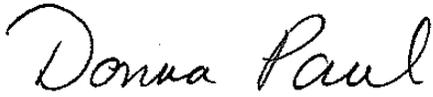
Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

No items were initiated.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. until the next meeting of the Water Commission scheduled for October 3, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,



Staff