



Water Commission
7:00 p.m. – Monday, October 3, 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), M. McClellan, G. Mead and A. Schiffrin.

Absent: L. Kasa, absent with notice; and D. Meyers, absent with notice.

Staff: L. Almond, Deputy Director Engineering Manager; T. Goddard, Water Conservation Manager; P. Harmon, Principal Management Analyst; B. Kocher, Water Director; H. Luckenbach, Desalination Program Coordinator; S. O'Hara, Assistant Engineer and D. Paul, Administrative Assistant.

Others: Approximately 25 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 R. Longinotti, S. McGilvray and B. Lamonica. Written materials submitted during the meeting will be included in the original papers.

Announcements City Council has extended an invitation to the Water Commission to attend a study session on water issues on November 1, 2011.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner G. Mead moved approval of the August 12, 2011 Water Commission meeting as submitted. Commissioner R. Mazurek seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION FAILED

Ayes: R. Mazurek (Chair), G. Mead.

Noes: None.

Absent: L. Kasa and D. Meyers

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

Action: The August 22, 2011 minutes will return November 7, 2011 for approval.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved approval of the Consent Agenda as submitted. Commissioner M. McClellan seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION PASSED

Ayes: B. Fouse, R. Mazurek (Chair), G. Mead, M. McClellan and A. Schiffrin.

Noes: None.

Absent: L. Kasa and D. Meyers

General Business

1. Capital Improvement Program FY 2012-2014 Draft FYI to Council

Principal Management Analyst P. Harmon provided the staff report and answered commission questions.

The Commission requested that staff add a copy of the two versions side-by-side in order to illustrate how the documents differ from what the Water Commission approved.

Public Comments were made by R. Longinotti

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved approval of the FY 2012-2014 Capital Improvement Program (Water Fund) for submission as a Council FYI with the addition of a copy of the two versions side-by-side version in order to illustrate how the documents differ from what the Water Commission approved. Commissioner M. McClellan seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION PASSED

Ayes: B. Fouse, R. Mazurek (Chair), G. Mead, M. McClellan and A. Schiffrin.

Noes: None.

Absent: L. Kasa and D. Meyers.

2. SCWD² Energy Status Reports No. 2, 3, 4, 5 and Proposed Evaluation Criteria

Water Director Kocher introduced Desalination Program Coordinator H. Luckenbach and Assistant Engineer S. O'Hara who provided an oral report on the Energy Minimization Study and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Study (Energy Study).

Public Comments were made by R. Longinotti, and P. Pethoe.

Commission comments

The public should be aware that other alternatives that are being mentioned are being studied extensively in the EIR. This has been a very long process and the EIR is the document that informs the decision making process.

No action was taken on this item.

3. Urban Water Management Plan Update

Water Conservation Manager T. Goddard provided the staff report and answered commission questions.

Public Comments were made by P. Gratz, S. McGilvray, R. Searle, J. Bentley, C. Gunderson, R. Longinotti and P. Pethoe.

Members of the public were encouraged to provide written comments to staff.

Commission Comments

Page 2-4 rainfall data is provided for the City of Santa Cruz and it would be helpful to provide rainfall data for the watershed

Page 3-4 discussion of Loch Lomond water rights should include increasing it to equal the storage amount (1,825 mgd)

Page 3-14 include a discussion of why the Department of Water Resources has not identified the Purisima aquifer to be in “overdraft.”

Pages 4-2 include a discussion of demand hardening and include charts that provide information on “peak season” in order to aid the lay person understand the magnitude of a drought shortage.

Page 4-19 include a discussion of the assumptions used for University of California demand for 2020 – 2030 (see I-3).

Chapter 10 General Plan Policies

CC3.1.3 add if it is environmentally acceptable and financially feasible.

CC3.3.3 add seek amendment of the City’s water right to provide increased flexibility for use of permitted water while assuring environmental safeguards.

CC3.3.7 add as well as protect environmental resources

CC3.5 add a program that implements additional conservation programs that provide a reliable gain to water supply and are cost-effective.

CC3.6.4 ask that staff provide information about a threshold of significance for water projects that would be used in a consistent basis for commission review.

Tables 5-4 and 5-5 illustrate the impacts of the Habitat Conservation Plan and just how much additional water will be needed to meet a peak season shortage of no more than 15%.

The discussion of the aging infrastructure could be expanded.

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved that the Urban Water Management Plan Update be continued to the November 7, 2011 meeting and request that staff respond to commission comments and written comments from the public. Commissioner B. Fouse seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION PASSED

Ayes: B. Fouse, R. Mazurek (Chair), 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 Desalination Task Force (Schiffrin)

There was nothing further to report.

2. Fiscal Policy Subcommittee (Mead)

Commissioner Mead reported the first meeting was held and the subcommittee will be meeting monthly to establish a framework so that the Water Commission, City Council and the public will be able to analyze the financial components of the water department.

Director's Oral Report

1. Monthly Status of Water Supply

Director Kocher reported that the reservoir is at about 90% capacity and that the San Lorenzo River is flowing in excess of 15cfs and demand is below 10 mgd.

2. Desalination Program

The major areas of work continues to be the development of the dEIR. The Conceptual Intake Design Study is complete and will be used to inform the dEIR. The Energy Study continues to be a very big work item. A community meeting on Energy Issues is scheduled for December 8, 2011. The intertie analysis is almost complete.

Informational Items No action was taken on this item.

1. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 08/23/11
2. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 08/28/11
3. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 09/13/11
4. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 09/20/11
5. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 09/20/11

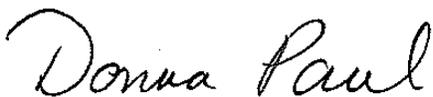
Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

- Infrastructure Needs Discussion

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m. until the next meeting of the Water Commission scheduled for November 7, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,



Staff