



**Water Commission
Minutes
7:00 p.m. – Monday, February 6, 2012
Council Chambers
809 Center Street Santa Cruz**

Minutes of a Water Commission meeting

Call to Order Vice-chair D. Meyers called the meeting order at 7:05 p.m. in Council Chambers. Water Commissioners David Green Baskin and Walter Wadlow were introduced.

Roll Call

Present: D. Baskin, B. Fouse, M. McClellan, G. Mead, D. Meyers (Chair), A. Schiffrin and W. Wadlow.

Absent: None.

Staff: L. Almond, Deputy Director Engineering Manager; R. Clark, Climate Action Coordinator; K. Crossley, Associate Civil Engineer; K. Dodd, Associate Civil Engineer; R. Ernst, Assistant Engineer; J. Everett, Environmental Project Analyst; P. Harmon, Principal Management Analyst; B. Kocher, Water Director; H. Luckenbach, Desalination Program Coordinator; S. O’Hara, Assistant Engineer; D. Paul, Administrative Assistant; I. Rivera, Associate Civil Engineer; J. Segal, Engineering Technician; L. Tolles, Management Analyst; D. Valby, Associate Civil Engineer; A. Valmonte, Engineering Technician and M. Zeman, Assistant Engineer.

Others: Approximately 10 members of the public.

Presentation There were no presentations.

Statements of Disqualification There were no statements of disqualifications.

Oral Communications

Oral communications were made by S. McGilvray and P. Gratz (representing Santa Cruz Desal Alternatives).

Announcements There were no announcements.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved approval of the November 7, 2011 Water Commission minutes as submitted. Commissioner M. McClellan seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

Ayes: B. Fouse, M. McClellan, G. Mead, D. Meyers and A. Schiffrin.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: D. Baskin and W. Wadlow.

Consent Agenda

Item No. 2 City Council Actions Affecting Water was pulled for discussion.

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved the Consent Agenda as amended. Commissioner B. Fouse seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

Ayes: D. Baskin, B. Fouse, M. McClellan, G. Mead, D. Meyers, A. Schiffrin and W. Wadlow.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

2. City Council Actions Affecting Water

Director Kocher responded to Commission questions on several items in the City Council Items report.

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved approval of Consent Agenda No. 2 City Council Items Affecting Water as submitted. Commissioner B. Fouse seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

Ayes: D. Baskin, B. Fouse, M. McClellan, G. Mead, D. Meyers, A. Schiffrin and W. Wadlow.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

General Business

1. Climate Action Plan

Climate Action Coordinator R. Clark presented the revised Climate Action Plan and responded to Commission questions. The PowerPoint presentation will be included in the final papers.

No action was taken on this item.

2. FY2011 Fiscal Report

Principal Management Analyst P. Harmon provided the staff report and responded to Commission questions.

No action was taken on this item.

3. Fiscal Policy - Status Update

Water Director Kocher reported that a Fiscal Policy Subcommittee was convened in order to work with staff to develop a draft Fiscal Strategy for Commission review.

The Commission requested that staff provide a report on the findings of the subcommittee, provide information what actions are necessary in order to separate the operating fund and the capital improvement fund, provide several of the spreadsheets that present the various funding op-

tions. This information will assist the Commission to develop different funding options and be able to move forward and make a recommendation to Council.

The Commission thanked Commissioner Mead and Schiffrin for their work on this project.

4. Major Projects Update and Basis of Cost Estimates

Deputy Director Almond provided the staff report on this item. Specific project presentations were made by the following:

Bay Street Reservoir Replacement – Doug Valby, P.E.
Storage Evaluation – Matt Zeman, Assistant Engineer
Storage Tank Rehabilitation – Matt Zeman, Assistant Engineer
Water Main Replacement Program – Susie O’Hara, P. E.
Water Treatment Upgrades – Isidro Rivera, P. E.
scwd² Desalination Program – Heidi Luckenbach, P. E. Desalination Program Coordinator
Beltz Well #12 – Lydia Tolles, Management Analyst
Loch Lomond Recreation Area Use Study – Lydia Tolles, Management Analyst
Newell Creek Dam Inlet/Outlet Gate Repair Project – Ryan Ernst, Assistant Engineer
Newell Creek Dam Hydro-electric Project – Ryan Ernst, Assistant Engineer
North Coast System Rehabilitation Project – Harvey West Segment – Kalen Dodd, P.E.
Majors Creek Diversion Rehabilitation Project – John Everett, Environmental Projects Analyst

The Commission requested that information be provided with the Capital Improvement Program that explains the criteria for determining which projects are maintenance rather than capital improvements.

5. SCWD² Energy Status Report No. 6

Due to the late hour the Commission, by consensus, continued this item to the March meeting and requested that it be placed earlier on the agenda, include more detailed information on the proposed projects, and information on the efforts being made by the Soquel Creek Water District on its energy reduction program.

6. Election of Officers

Vice-chair D. Meyers opened the floor to nominations for Water Commission Chair for 2012.

Commissioner A. Schiffrin nominated Commissioner D. Meyers. Commissioner M. McClellan seconded the nomination. Being no further nominations, Commissioner D. Meyers, by acclamation, was elected Water Commission Chair for 2012.

Chair D. Meyers opened the floor to nominations for Water Commission Vice-chair for 2012.

Commissioner B. Fouse nominated Commissioner G. Mead. Commissioner A. Schiffrin seconded the nomination. Being no further nominations, Commissioner G. Mead, by acclamation, was elected Water Commission Vice-chair for 2012.

Subcommittee/Advisory Body Oral Reports

1. City of Santa Cruz/Soquel Creek Water District Desalination Task Force (Schiffrin)

Water Director Kocher reported that the January task force meeting failed to reach a quorum.

2. Fiscal Policy Subcommittee (Mead) There was nothing further to report.

Director's Oral Report

1. Monthly Status of Water Supply. There was nothing further to report.
2. Desalination Program

The Commission requested that the proposed ballot initiative be provided.

Informational Items No action was taken on this item.

1. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 11/08/11
2. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 11/08/11
3. News Article – City on the Hill Press 11/08/11
4. News Article – Good-Times Santa Cruz 11/15/11
5. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 11/16/11
6. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 11/16/11
7. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 11/23/11
8. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 12/03/11
9. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 12/06/11
10. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 12/07/11
11. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 12/09/11
12. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 12/14/11
13. News Article – Good-Times Santa Cruz 12/14/11
14. News Article – Good-Times Santa Cruz 12/29/11
15. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 01/22/12
16. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 01/24/12
17. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 01/26/12
18. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 01/26/12

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

Include a discussion of the potential for earlier packet delivery along with the method of delivery.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m. The next regular Water Commission is scheduled for March 5, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,



Staff