



Water Department

**Water Commission
Minutes
7:00 p.m. – Monday, June 4, 2012
Council Chambers
809 Center Street Santa Cruz**

Minutes of a Water Commission meeting

Call to Order Chair D. Meyers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Roll Call

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

Absent: G. Mead, absent with notice

Staff: P. Harmon, Principal Management Analyst; B. Kocher, Water Director; H. Luckenbach and D. Paul, Administrative Assistant.

Others: Two members of the public.

Presentation There were no presentations.

Statements of Disqualification There were no statements of disqualification.

Oral Communications There were no oral communications

Announcements There were no announcements.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner D. Baskin moved approval of the April 2, 2012 Water Commission minutes as submitted. Commissioner W. Wadlow seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

AYES: D. Baskin, M. McClellan, D. Meyers (Chair), A. Schiffrin and W. Wadlow.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: G. Mead.

ABSTAIN: B. Fouse.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner A. Schiffrin pulled item No. 3 Proposed FY 2013 Operating Budget and moved approval of the Consent Agenda as amended. Commissioner D. Baskin seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: G. Mead.

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

Item No. 3 Proposed FY 2013 Operating Budget.

Principal Management Analyst P. Harmon responded to Commission questions.

Public Comments were made by S. McGilvray.

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved approval of Consent Agenda Item No. 3 Proposed FY 2013 Operating Budget as submitted and requested that a report on water conservation efforts being undertaken this summer be provided at the July meeting. Commissioner D. Baskin seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: G. Mead.

General Business

1. Water Main Replacement Program Criteria – Status Report

Desalination Program Coordinator H. Luckenbach responded to Commission questions.

No action was taken on this item.

2. Fiscal Policy - Status Update – Elements Review and Evaluation

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

The Commission requested that the following items be added to the factors to consider in upcoming discussions: statutory requirements and/or restrictions for Proposition 218 and Proposition 26 and identification of underlying policies or practices.

3. City Water Rights Update – Status Report

Water Director Kocher provided the staff report and responded to the Commission questions.

Public comments were made by S. McGilvray.

The Water Commission requested that a future agenda include an item that provides information on and discussion of the Water Rights by source held by the City.

4. Water Commission Priority Topics for Remainder of Year

Chair Meyers reported that she placed this item on the agenda and provided a “draft Water Commission workplan for 2012-2014” for discussion. The handout will be included in the original papers.

The Commission requested that staff provide a recommendation to Council on what the role the Water Commission will be during the EIR process for the Desalination Plant on the July agenda.

Development of the Water Commission “Workplan for 2012-2014” should be included as a future agenda item.

Subcommittee/Advisory Body Oral Reports No action shall be taken on this item.

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

Director Kocher reported that a report on the progress on the Intertie Analysis was the major item of business at the May meeting.

Director’s Oral Report No action shall be taken on this item.

1. Monthly Status of Water Supply

Director Kocher provided a report on 2012 water production targets and actuals.

2. Desalination Program

Director Kocher reported that the major focus of work is the EIR, the Preliminary Design Report, Energy Study and the Intertie Analysis.

Informational Items No action was taken on this item.

1. News Article – Capitola Soquel Times (03-23-12)
2. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel (04-01-12)
3. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel (04-02-12)
4. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel (04-02-12)
5. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel (04-07-12)
6. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel (04-23-12)
7. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel (04-23-12)
8. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel (04-24-12)
9. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel (05-18-12)
10. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel (05-29-12)

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

Commissioner A. Schiffrin and G. Mead will be absent for the July 2, 2012 meeting.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m. until the next regularly meeting of the Water Commission scheduled for July 2, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,



Staff