



Water Department

**Water Commission  
Minutes  
7:00 p.m. – Monday, July 2, 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), and W. Wadlow.

**Absent:** G. Mead, and A. Schiffrin both absent with notice

**Staff:** B. Kocher, Water Director; D. Paul, Administrative Assistant.

**Others:** One member 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 M. McClellan moved approval of the June 4, 2012 Water Commission minutes as submitted. Commissioner B. Fouse seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: G. Mead and A. Schiffrin.

**Consent Agenda**

S. McGilvray provided comments on item number three Water Conservation Activities.

Commissioner W. Wadlow moved approval of the Consent Agenda as submitted. Commissioner D. Baskin seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: G. Mead and A. Schiffrin.

**Items Removed from the Consent Agenda** No items were removed.

## **General Business**

### **1. Fiscal Policy – Elements Review and Evaluation**

Water Director B. Kocher responded to Commission questions.

The Commission requested that staff provide information on bond and interest reserve funds for the debt service on the Bay Street Reservoir and System Transmission Main Project.

**No action was taken on this item.**

### **2. Development of the Water Commission Workplan 2012-2014**

Oral comments were made by S. McGilvray.

The Water Commission discussed taking on an additional task of Public Outreach / Education. It would serve as a body that is not seen as pro or con on the desalination debate, but rather as a body interested in educating the public about the concept of water reliability in the context of the City's Integrated Water Plan. The message needs to reach out to the people and it should focus not on desalination but rather on current water supply situation and the comprehensive regional plan to assure it is sustainable.

The Commission's role in the Desalination EIR should be similar to the Planning Commission's role in the recent General Plan update.

The Habitat Conservation Plan is very important in that it drives the water supply analysis. Our community is attuned to the need to protect the environment.

It is important that progress continues on the Long-term Water Conservation Plan. This information is crucial for the public to understand the need for desalination.

**The Commission requested that 1) staff provide an item on its behalf for the July 24, 2012 Council agenda requesting consideration of a role for the Water Commission on the scwd<sup>2</sup> Desalination Project EIR similar to that of the Planning Commission with the recent General Plan EIR; and 2) staff develop a proposal for professional services to advise the Commission on public outreach / education.**

**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**

There was no report.

**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.

The Commission requested that staff check again with local media sources about presenting water usage compared with water production and evapotranspiration information on a regular basis.

## 2. Desalination Program

Work has begun on Admin Draft No. 2 for the EIR. The Preliminary Design Report was reviewed by the task force in June. The task force will not meet again until September.

**Informational Items** No action was taken on this item.

1. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel (06-07-12)
2. News Article – Santa Cruz Weekly (06-08-12)
3. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel (06-21-12)
4. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel (06-24-12)
5. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel (06-26-12)

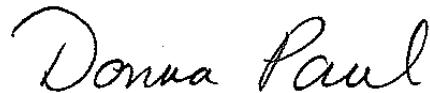
## Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

Standing Item -- Director's Oral Report: LAFCO Approval North Campus Application.

M. McClellan absent August 27, 2012

**Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m. until the next regularly meeting of the Water Commission scheduled for August 27, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,



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Staff