



Water Department

**Water Commission
Action Agenda
7:00 p.m. – Monday, December 3, 2012
Council Chambers
809 Center Street Santa Cruz**

Agenda Action prepared on December 4, 2012

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

Roll Call

Present: M. McClellan, G. Mead, D. Meyers (Chair), and W. Wadlow.

Absent: D. Baskin, B. Fouse and A. Schiffrin, absent with notice.

Staff: L. Almond, Deputy Director/Engineering Manager; T. Goddard, Water Conservation Manager; P. Harmon, Principal Management Analyst; B. Kocher, Water Director; and D. Paul, Administrative Assistant

Others: Ten 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 M. McClellan moved approval of the November 5, 2012 Water Commission minutes as submitted. Commissioner W. Wadlow seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

AYES: M. McClellan, G. Mead, D. Meyers (Chair) and W. Wadlow.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: D. Baskin, B. Fouse and Schiffrin.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner M. McClellan moved approval of the Consent Agenda as submitted. Commissioner W. Wadlow seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: B. Fouse.

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda No items were removed.

General Business

1. Water Conservation Master Plan and Award of Contract

T. Goddard, Water Conservation Manager provided the staff report and responded to Commission questions.

Public Comments

Oral comments were made by S. Mcgilvray, R. Pomerantz and C. Kirven.

Commissioner W. Wadlow moved to recommend City Council approve a contract with Maddaus Water Management to prepare an updated Water Conservation Master Plan.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: B. Fouse.

2. Financial Policy White Paper–Evaluation & Draft Policy Recommendations

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

Public Comments

Oral comments were made by S. Mcgilvray and C. Kirven.

The Water Commission requested that this item return to the January meeting for further consideration and a recommendation.

3. Water Commission Work Plan – Affirmation of Assumptions/HCP Supply/Demand Update

L. Almond, Deputy Water Director/Engineering Manager provided the staff report and responded to Commission questions. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation will be included in the original papers.

Public Comments

Oral comments were made by S. Mcgilvray and M. Demare.

Commission Comments

The commission requested that a copy of the PowerPoint presentation be posted for public review.

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

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

Director Kocher reported that Commissioner Schiffirin attended the November meeting. The task force elected Director Daniels as chair to replace retiring Director Kriege; recommended approval of Contract Amendment No. 2 with Strelow Consulting and Contract Amendment No. 6 with Kennedy Jenks Consultants; reviewed the EIR schedule and determined that the review period would be 60 days and can be extended by mutual agreement of the Board President and the Mayor.

2. Public Outreach and Education Program Subcommittee (Meyers)

Chair Meyers reported that the Subcommittee met on November 26, 2012 to review the legal and budgetary questions brought up at the last meeting and are awaiting response from the City Attorney.

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

1. Monthly Status of Water Supply

Director Kocher provided the status report and reported that the reservoir is at 98.5% capacity as of December 3, 2012.

2. Desalination Program

There was nothing further to report.

3. Fiscal Policy – Status Update

There was nothing further to report.

4. LAFCO Process on Extending Water Service to UCSC

Director Kocher reported that the 6th District Court of Appeal invalidated the City's EIR on extending water service to an undeveloped section of the university. The court ruled that the project description was inadequate. LAFCO will not be discussing this item on December 5, 2012 as previously reported.

Media Articles No action was taken on this item.

1. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 11-07-12
2. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 11-08-12
3. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 11-24-12
4. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 11-27-12

Documents for Future Meetings There were no documents for future meeting.

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas No items were initiated.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. until the next meeting of the Water Commission scheduled for January 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.