



Water Department

**Water Commission  
Minutes  
7:00 p.m. – Monday, January 7, 2013  
Council Chambers  
809 Center Street Santa Cruz**

Minutes of a Water Commission Meeting

**Call to Order** Vice-Chair G. Mead called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**Roll Call**

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

**Absent:** B. Fouse and D. Meyers, absent with notice.

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

**Others:** Five 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 W. Wadlow moved approval of the December 3, 2012 Water Commission minutes as submitted. Commissioner M. McClellan seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: B. Fouse and D. Meyers.

ABSTAIN: D. Baskin and A. Schiffrin

**Consent Agenda**

Item 1. Water Commission Calendar and 2. City Council Actions Affecting Water were removed for discussion.

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved approval of the Consent Agenda as amended. Commissioner W. Wadlow seconded.

VOICE VOTE            MOTION CARRIED

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

NOES:    None.

ABSENT: B. Fouse and D. Meyers.

### **Items Removed from the Consent Agenda**

#### 1. Water Commission Calendar

Oral Comments were made by S. McGilvray.

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved approval of consent agenda item No 1. Water Commission Calendar as submitted. Commissioner D. Baskin seconded.

VOICE VOTE            MOTION CARRIED

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

NOES:    None.

ABSENT: B. Fouse and D. Meyers.

#### 2. City Council Items Affecting Water

Water Director B. Kocher responded to Water Commission questions on the California Department of Public Health Proposition 50 Grant – Emergency Water Intertie with Scotts Valley Water District.

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved approval of consent agenda item No 2. City Council Items Affecting Water as submitted. Commissioner D. Baskin seconded.

VOICE VOTE            MOTION CARRIED

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

NOES:    None.

ABSENT: B. Fouse and D. Meyers.

### **General Business**

#### 1. Annulment of the Twenty-four (24) Month Abandonment Policy: Municipal Code Section 16.04.360 (a)

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

Commissioner D. Baskin moved to recommend that City Council adopt an Ordinance amending Section 16.04.360 (a) and deleting 16.04.260 (b) of the Santa Cruz Municipal Code to annul the twenty-four month abandonment policy. Commissioner G. Mead seconded.

VOICE VOTE            MOTION CARRIED

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

NOES:    None.

ABSENT: B. Fouse and D. Meyers.

## 2. Financial Policy Recommendations

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

Oral Comments were made by P. Gratz and S. McGilvray.

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved to request that staff return with written draft preliminary financial policy that provides a \$6,700,000 and \$9,700,000 Reserve Fund in order to move forward on the analysis of the Operating and Capital Improvement Funds and develop the rate increases that will be necessary to maintain the water system. Commissioner W. Wadlow seconded.

VOICE VOTE            MOTION CARRIED

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

NOES:    None.

ABSENT: B. Fouse and D. Meyers.

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved to request that staff to provide a financial analysis and a recommendation that includes a proposed scope of services on a rate study. Commissioner D. Baskin seconded.

VOICE VOTE            MOTION CARRIED

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

NOES:    None.

ABSENT: B. Fouse and D. Meyers.

## **Subcommittee/Advisory Body Oral Reports**

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

Water Director Kocher reported that the Task Force met on December 19<sup>th</sup> to review and revise the scope of work for the Kennedy Jenks Contract Amendment No. 6 per Council request. Two Task Force members will be reviewing/approving all outreach materials for content.

### 2. Public Outreach and Education Program Subcommittee

The Public Outreach and Education Program Subcommittee did not meet.

## **Director's Oral Report**

### 1. Monthly Status of Water Supply

Water Director Kocher provided the status report. The reservoir is spilling and rainfall totals 30.32 inches in the watershed.

## 2. Desalination Program

Work continues on the draft EIR.

## 3. LAFCO Process on Extending Water Service to UCSC

Commissioner Schiffrin reported that LAFCO has an item on its agenda to continue this item indefinitely.

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

1. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 11/28/12
2. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 12/03/12
3. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 12/06/12
4. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 12/08/12
5. News Article – Santa Cruz GoodTimes 12/12/12
6. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 12/19/12
7. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 12/22/12

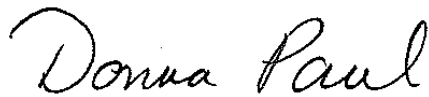
**Documents for Future Meetings**    No documents were provided.

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

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. until the next meeting of the Water Commission scheduled for February 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,



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Staff