



Water Department

**Water Commission
Regular Meeting
7:00 p.m. – Monday, April 1, 2013
Council Chambers
809 Center Street Santa Cruz**

Minutes of a Water Commission Meeting

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

Roll Call

Present: D. Baskin, G. Mead, D. Meyers, A. Schiffrin (Chair), D. Stearns, W. Wadlow and L. Wilshusen.

Absent: None.

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

Others: Eleven members of the public.

Presentation There were no presentations.

Statements of Disqualification There were no presentations.

Oral Communications There were no oral communications.

Announcements There were no announcements.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner L. Wilshusen moved approval of the March 4, 2013 Water Commission minutes as submitted. Commissioner W. Wadlow seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

AYES: D. Baskin, G. Mead, D. Meyers, A. Schiffrin (Chair), D. Stearns, W. Wadlow and L. Wilshusen.

NOES: None.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner D. Meyer moved approval of the Consent Agenda as submitted. Commissioner L. Wilshusen seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

AYES: D. Baskin, G. Mead, D. Meyers, A. Schiffrin (Chair), D. Stearns, W. Wadlow and L. Wilshusen.

NOES: None.

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

No items were removed.

General Business

1. Water Supply Conditions, Final Estimate of Water Supply Availability for 2013

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

Oral Communications were made by R. Pomerantz.

Commissioner D. Baskin moved to recommend that City Council adopt a Resolution declaring a Stage 1 Water Shortage Alert for 2013 pending an improvement in local water conditions. Commissioner W. Wadlow seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

AYES: D. Baskin, G. Mead, D. Meyers, A. Schiffrin (Chair), D. Stearns, W. Wadlow and L. Wilshusen.

NOES: None.

2. Habitat Conservation Plan Update

Deputy Director L. Almond provided the staff report and responded to Commission questions.

Ms. Almond also mentioned that the Santa Cruz City Council and the Soquel Creek Water District Board of Directors have scheduled a Joint Study Session for the Desalination draft Environmental Impact Report (dEIR) and certification process on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Santa Cruz Council Chambers. The Water Commission is invited and will be seated in the front row of the audience seats.

No action was taken on this item.

3. Water Conservation Master Plan – Potential Opportunities

Water Conservation Manager T. Goddard provided the staff report and responded to Commission questions. The deadline for public suggestions is April 15, 2013. Suggestions can be submitted on the website, in person or by phone.

There were no oral communications. Written communication was submitted by S. McGilvray. All written materials submitted will be included in the original papers.

Commission Comments

- The Commission requested a display ad with the April 15, 2013 deadline for submissions.
- Many customers are not aware of many of the conservation programs currently available.
- Many of the cost-effective conservation measures have been implemented.
- It is important to determine how much water can be saved and the cost the potential conservation measures.

- Reliability and water savings are the key components, i.e. the programs that save water.

The Commission concurs and supports the work that has been done and requests: 1) more public outreach in terms of advertising/press releases; and, 2) the three suggestions provided in the written comments be included for consideration/screening.

5. Loch Lomond Recreation Area Use Study

This item was taken out of order.

Management Analyst L. Rossiter and M. Craig, of Blue Point Planning co-presented the staff report and responded to Commission questions. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation will be included in the original papers.

Oral Communications were made by L. Morgan and D. Affray.

Commission Comments

- It is important that any changes to the recreation area do not increase the current operating deficit any further.
- A water play area that is educational would be an asset.
- A shuttle service will be problematic due to access concerns.
- The recreation area is an important resource for the community.
- It may be beneficial to have the Parks Department manage the recreation area much like Neary Lagoon.
- Concern was expressed over the cost of creating and maintaining the trails system.
- Provide as appendix expenditure and revenue information when presenting to City Council.

Commissioner D. Baskin moved that the Water Commission accept the Loch Lomond Recreation Area Use Study and recommend that City Council approve the study as the basis for proceeding with the Loch Lomond Use Master Plan, with a specific recommendation for policy approach Option 2, listed on Pages 47-48 of the Study, and to include listed items Water Play Area, Hiking Trails (west side) and Mountain Biking (west side). For the purpose of developing the Master Plan the Hiking Trails (west side) and Mountain Biking (west side) are considered to be a special category to be studied without any commitment being expressed. It was further moved to that ADA access improvements proceed separately and be expedited without waiting for approval of the Master Plan to provide meaningful access to the disabled. Commissioner A. Schiffrin seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

AYES: D. Baskin, G. Mead, D. Meyers, A. Schiffrin (Chair), D. Stearns, W. Wadlow and L. Wilshusen.

NOES: None.

4. Water Commission Work Plan Update

Deputy Director L. Almond provided the staff report and responded to Commission questions.

The Commission requested that the term Comprehensive Economic Analysis replace Triple

Bottom Line Analysis in future documents.

No action was taken.

Subcommittee/Advisory Body Oral Reports There were no Advisory Body oral reports.

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

Director's Oral Report There was no Director's oral report.

1. Monthly Status of Water Supply
2. Desalination Program
3. Status of Proposed Public Education and Outreach Contracts

Media Articles No action was taken on this item.

1. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 02/28/2013
2. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 03/05/2013
3. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 03/06/2013
4. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 03/11/2013
5. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 03/20/2013

Information Items No action was taken on this item.

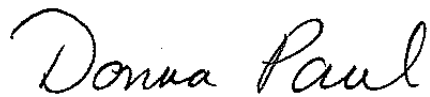
1. Training Opportunities for Water Commissioners
2. Water Supply Reliability Public Awareness & Participation Plan –Request for Proposals
3. Capital Improvement Program Budget (with Commission request)

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

Move media articles to the last agenda item.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m. until the next meeting of the Water Commission scheduled for May 6, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,



Staff