



**Water Commission
Minutes
7:00 p.m. – Monday, February 4, 2013
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. and introduced new Commissioners David Stearns and Linda Wilshusen.

Roll Call

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

Absent: None.

Staff: L. Almond, Deputy Water Director/Engineering Manager; K. Crossley, Associate Civil Engineer; K. Dodd, Associate Civil Engineer; R. Ernst, Assistant Engineer; P. Harmon, Principal Management Analyst; M. Hetrick, Environmental Projects Analyst; B. Kocher, Water Director; H. Luckenbach, Desalination Program Coordinator; S. O'Hara, Assistant Engineer; D. Paul, Administrative Assistant; I. Rivera, Associate Civil Engineer; L. Rossiter, Management Analyst; D. Valby, Associate Civil Engineer and M. Zeman, Assistant Engineer.

Others: Ten members of the public.

Presentation There were no presentations.

Statements of Disqualification There were no statements of disqualification.

Oral Communications

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

Announcements There were no announcements.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner D. Baskin moved approval of the January 7, 2013 Water Commission minutes as submitted. Commissioner W. Wadlow seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

AYES: D. Baskin, G. Mead, A. Schiffrin and W. Wadlow.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: D. Meyers (Chair), D. Stearns and L. Wilshusen.

Consent Agenda

The following items were removed for discussion:

1. Three month calendar;
3. Correspondence dated 12/18/12 from M. Los Huertos re: CSUMB Water Sampling and Data Collection; and
4. Correspondence dated 01/17/13 from J. Bentley.

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved approval of the Consent Agenda as amended. Commissioner G. Mead seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

1. Three-month Calendar

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

Oral comments were made by S. McGilvray.

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved approval of Consent Agenda Item 1 – Three month calendar as submitted. Commissioner D. Baskin seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

- 3 Correspondence dated 12/18/12 from M. Los Huertos re: CSUMB Water Sampling and Data Collection

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

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved acceptance of Consent Agenda Item 3- Correspondence dated 12/18/12 from M. Los Huertos re: CSUMB Water Sampling and Data Collection as submitted. Commissioner D. Baskin seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

4. Correspondence dated 01/17/13 from J. Bentley

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

Oral Communications were made by J. Bentley.

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved approval of the Consent Agenda Item 4 - Correspondence dated 01/17/13 from J. Bentley as submitted. Commissioner D. Baskin seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

General Business

1. Election of Officers

Chair D. Meyers opened the floor for nominations for Chair.

Commissioner D. Baskin nominated Commissioner A. Schiffrin.

Commissioner W. Wadlow moved to close the nominations and by acclamation elect Commissioner A. Schiffrin as Water Commission Chair for 2013. Commissioner D. Baskin seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

At this time Commissioner A. Schiffrin took over the duties of Chair.

Commissioner A. Schiffrin opened the floor for nominations for Water Commission Vice-chair.

Commissioner D. Meyers nominated Commissioner D. Baskin.

Commissioner W. Wadlow moved to close the nominations and by acclamation elect Commissioner D. Baskin as Water Commission Vice-chair for 2013. 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.

ABSENT: None.

2. Major Projects Update and Basis of Cost Estimates

Deputy Water Director L. Almond provided the staff report on this item.

Presentations were made on the following projects:

Technology: Scanning, GIS and Earthmine – M. Zeman, Assistant Engineer
Newell Creek Inlet/Outlet Gates Repairs – R. Ernst, Assistant Engineer
Bay Street Reservoir Reconstruction – D. Valby, Associate Civil Engineer
Beltz Monitoring Wells and Beltz Well #12 – K. Crossley, Associate Civil Engineer
Newell Creek Dam Hydro-Electric Project – R. Ernst, Assistant Engineer
Loch Lomond Recreation Area Use Study - L. Rossiter, Management Analyst
Water Main Replacement Program – S. O'Hara, Assistant Engineer
North Coast System Rehabilitation – Harvey West Segment, K. Dodd, Associate Civil Engineer
North Coast System Rehabilitation – Phase 3, K. Crossley, Associate Civil Engineer
Storage Evaluation – M. Zeman, Assistant Engineer
scwd² Desal Project–Environmental Impact Report, M. Hetrick, Environmental Projects Analyst
Water Treatment Plant Upgrades – I. Rivera, Associate Civil Engineer
Storage Tank Rehabilitation – M. Zeman, Assistant Engineer

Oral Communications were made by J. Bentley, R. Longinotti, S. McGilvray and R. Pomerantz.

3. Water Commission Work Plan – Cost/Fiscal Impact

Desalination Program Coordinator H. Luckenbach provided the staff report and responded to Commission questions.

Oral communications were made by J. Bentley, R. Longinotti and S. McGilvray.

Commissioner D. Baskin moved to approve the scope of work to assist the City in evaluating the costs associated with the Desalination Project versus No-Project as amended: 1) change City to Water Service Area and economic to financial; and 2) the final scope of work be provided as an information item on a future agenda. Commissioner L. Wilshusen seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

4. Water Commission Work Plan –Integrated Water Plan – Public Education and Communication

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

Oral communications were made by R. Longinotti, R. Pomerantz and S. McGilvray.

Commissioner L. Wilshusen moved to approve the recommended approach to assist the City in appropriately communicating the myriad issues surrounding water supply reliability as amended to include 1) the future scope of work will be presented to Water Commission for approval prior to Council; and 2) the request for qualifications be provided as an informational item on a future agenda. Commissioner D. Baskin seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

Subcommittee/Advisory Body Oral Reports

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

There was no report.

Commissioner D. Meyers left at 10:35 p.m.

2. Public Outreach and Education Program Subcommittee

Commissioner D. Baskin reported that the subcommittee held its final meeting and that the request for qualifications for the public education and communication plan was discussed.

Director's Oral Report

1. Monthly Status of Water Supply

Director Kocher provided the Water Status Report along with a precipitation probability map.

2. Desalination Program

Director Kocher reported that the draft EIR will be released late spring/early summer.

3. Fiscal Policy – Status Update

There was no report.

4. LAFCO Process on Extending Water Service to UCSC

There was no report.

Media Articles No action was taken on this item.

1. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 01/02/13

2. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 01/07/13
3. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 01/22/13
4. News Article – Santa Cruz Weekly 01/23/13

Information Items

1. Training Opportunities for Water Commissioners

No action was taken on this item.

Documents for Future Meetings

No documents were provided for future meetings.

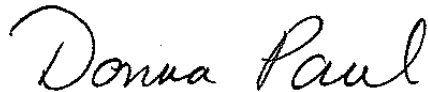
Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

Resolutions of appreciation for Commissioners B. Fouse and M. McClellan.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m. until the next meeting of the Water Commission scheduled for March 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,



Staff