



Water Department

Water Commission
7:00 p.m. – Monday, June 3, 2013
Council Chambers
809 Center Street Santa Cruz

Draft Minutes

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, A. Schiffrin (Chair), D. Stearns, W. Wadlow and L. Wilshusen.

Absent: D. Meyers, absent with notice.

Staff: L. Almond, Deputy Water Director/Engineering Manager; E. Cross, Communications Specialist; Hugh Dalton, Water Quality Manager; T. Goddard; Water Conservation Manager; B. Kocher, Water Director; H. Luckenbach, Desalination Program Coordinator; D. Paul, Administrative Assistant and D. Valby, Associate Civil Engineer.

Others: 10 members of the public.

Presentation There were no presentations.

Statements of Disqualification There were no statements of disqualification.

Oral Communications

Oral communications and written communications were made by S. McGilvray. Written materials provided will be included in the original papers for that meeting.

Announcements No action shall be taken on this item.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner L. Wilshusen moved approval of the May 6, 2013 Water Commission minutes as submitted. Commissioner D. Baskin seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Meyers.

Consent Agenda

Items 1, Three-month calendar; 2, City Council Items Affecting Water; and 4, Neighborhood Issues related to Bay Street Reservoir Replacement were removed for discussion.

Commissioner D. Baskin moved the amended Consent Agenda. Commissioner W. Wadlow seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

AYES: D. Baskin, G. Mead, A. Schiffrin (Chair), D. Stearns, W. Wadlow and L. Wilshusen.
NOES: None.
ABESNT: D Meyers.

4. Neighborhood Issues related to Bay Street Reservoir Replacement

D. Valby, Associate Civil Engineer provided the staff report and responded to Commission questions.

Oral Communications were made by P. Martin, L. Taylor and A. Towne.

Oral and written communications were made by B. Martin, B. Meneses and J. Urbanczyk. Written materials provided will be included in the original papers for that meeting.

Commission Comments

Commissioner D. Baskin moved to request that staff 1) provide a comprehensive progress report on construction activities and a traffic control plan at the August meeting in order for the Water Commission to determine what future action may be necessary; 2) determine if the proposal for concrete repairs at the Martin residences is fair and reasonable; 3) begin planning a community meeting for the landscape plan as soon as practical; 4) continue to provide regular construction updates to the affected residents. Commissioner D. Stearns seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

AYES: D. Baskin, G. Mead, A. Schiffrin (Chair), D. Stearns, W. Wadlow and L. Wilshusen.
NOES: None.
ABESNT: D Meyers.

1. Three-month Calendar

The Commission discussed having items on the July meeting agenda and requested that agenda items that are ready in July be included and can be acted on if time allows.

Commissioner L. Wilshusen moved to request that all non-desal related Consent Agenda items be included on the July 1, 2013 in case time allows for action to be taken. Commissioner W. Wadlow seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

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

2. City Council Actions Affecting Water

Commissioner G. Mead reported that the Capital Improvement Program presentation made to Council by staff presented information on a long term capital needs for the Water System.

Commissioner Baskin moved approval of Consent Agenda 2. City council Actions Affecting Water month calendar as submitted. Commissioner G. Mead seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

AYES: D. Baskin, G. Mead, A. Schiffrin (Chair), D. Stearns, W. Wadlow and L. Wilshusen.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: D Meyers.

General Business

1. Report on Public Health Goals

H. Dalton, Water Quality Manager provided the staff report.

The Commission thanked staff for the report and the work being accomplished.

2. Santa Cruz Municipal Code Revision to Chapter 16.01 Water Shortage Regulations and

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

Oral Comments were made by S. McGilvray

Commissioner L. Wilshusen moved to recommend that City Council adopt an ordinance amending the Santa Cruz Municipal Code Chapter 16.01 pertaining to water shortage regulations and restrictions. Commissioner W. Wadlow seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

AYES: D. Baskin, G. Mead, A. Schiffrin (Chair), D. Stearns, W. Wadlow and L. Wilshusen.
NOES: None.
ABESNT: D Meyers.

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 (Schiffrin)

There was nothing to report.

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

1. Monthly Status on Water Supply

Water Conservation Manager T. Goddard provided the monthly status on water supply:

- 2013 Water Production Target Report
- reservoir is slightly above projections
- May was six degrees warmer than normal
- San Lorenzo River is flowing like it is a critically dry year
- releases must still be made for the fish
- no water is being taken from Laguna Creek
- Drought Patrols have been hired
- water targets are being published on the Sentinel weather page
- an update will be provided on the July agenda.

Oral comments were made by S. McGilvray.

2. Desalination Program

Commissioners Mead, Stearns, Wadlow and Wilshusen reported on the public meeting held this afternoon in South County.

The Commission requested that the presenters include detailed information on how the Certification and project approval process for the July 1, 2013 meeting.

Oral comments were made by S. McGilvray.

3. Status of Proposed Public Education and Outreach Contracts

Water Director Kocher introduced Communications Specialist E. Cross who reported that the scope of work is in negotiations. The Commission requested that the scope be provided as an information item at a future meeting.

Media Articles No action was taken on this item.

1. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 05/02/2013
2. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 05/06/2013
3. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 05/07/2013
4. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 05/09/2013
5. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 05/12/2013
6. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 05/13/2013
7. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 05/13/2013
8. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 05/15/2013
9. News Article – Santa Cruz GoodTimes 05/22/2013
10. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 05/15/2013

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

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m. until the next meeting of the Water Commission scheduled for July 1, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 900 High Street, CA 95060.

Respectfully submitted,



Staff



Water Department

Water Commission Agenda
Regular Meeting
7:00 p.m. – Monday, July 1, 2013
First Congregational Church
900 High Street, Santa Cruz

Minutes

Open House - Draft Environmental Impact Report, Proposed scwd² Desalination Project

An open house was held from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. to provide an opportunity for public review and ask questions at exhibit stations. The exhibit stations provided information on the proposed project and how to draft effective comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

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

Roll Call

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

Absent: G. Mead, absent with notice.

Others: Soquel Creek Water District Directors B. Daniels, D. Hoernschemeyer; R. Meyer; Santa Cruz City Councilmembers D. Lane, M. Posner and P. Comstock.

Statements of Disqualification There were no statements of disqualification.

General Business

1. Public Hearing Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Proposed scwd² Regional Seawater Desalination Project

C. Colwick, CirclePoint served as the timekeeper to facilitate the public comments.

A. Sansevero, URS Corporation presented this item. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation will be included in the original papers.

An announcement was made that the comment period has been extended until August 12, 2013.

Chair A. Schiffrin reported that the City of Santa Cruz and the Soquel Creek Water District cannot take any action on the proposed project until the EIR process is complete and requests that public comment be specific and relate to the environmental impact associated with the proposed project.

The Public Hearing period was opened and a court reporter transcribed all testimony received for inclusion in the final Environmental Impact Report.

The Public Hearing was closed at 10:04 p.m.

Commissioner D. Baskin moved to continue the remainder of the agenda to the August 26, 2013 meeting. Commissioner D. Stearns seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: G. Mead.

2. Revisions to Santa Cruz Municipal Code Chapter 16.05 Loch Lomond Recreation Area, City Watershed Lands and Riparian Conservation Areas

Recommendation: That the Water Commission recommend that City Council adopt an ordinance amending the Santa Cruz Municipal Code Chapter 16.05 pertaining to Loch Lomond Recreation Area, City Watershed Lands and Riparian Conservation Areas.

Director's Report

1. Monthly Status of Water Supply

Oral Communications No action was taken on this item.

Information Items No action shall be taken on this item.

1. Education / Training Opportunities for Water Commissioners

Documents for Future Meetings No action shall be taken on this item.

1. Water Rate Design Analysis: Proposed Pricing Objectives

Media Articles No action shall be taken on this item.

1. News Article – Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce 05/29/2013
2. News Article – Desalination & Water Reuse Quarterly 05/30/2013
3. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 06/01/2013
4. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 06/03//2013
5. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 06/07/2013
6. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 06/09/2013
7. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 06/12/2013
8. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 06/13/2013
9. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 06/18/2013
10. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 06/20/2013
11. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 06/21/2013

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

Adjournment The next meeting of the Water Commission is scheduled for August 26, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 809 Center Street, Santa Cruz, California.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Paul

Staff