



Water Department

Water Commission Action Agenda 7:00 p.m. – Monday, October 7, 2013 Council Chambers 809 Center Street, Santa Cruz

Action Agenda of a Water Commission Meeting

Call to Order – Vice Chair D. Baskin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Roll Call

Present: D. Baskin, D. Stearns, W. Wadlow and G. Mead
Absent: D. Meyers, A. Schiffrin, and L. Wilshusen (all with notification)
Staff Present: L. Almond, Acting Director; T. Goddard, Water Conservation Manager;
C. Cartwright, Water Conservation Representative; T. Praxel, Interim Principal
Management Analyst; R. Coletta, Administrative Assistant II.
Others: Bill Maddaus, Maddaus Water Management and S. Gaur, Raftelis Financial
Consultants, Inc. and 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 Wadlow moved approval of August 26, 2013 Water Commission minutes.

Commissioner Baskin seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAINED: G. Mead, due to absence from the August 26 meeting.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Baskin moved the Consent Agenda. Commissioner D. Stearns seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

AYES: D. Baskin, G. Mead, D. Stearns, and W. Wadlow.

NOES: None.

General Business

1. Water Rate Design Study – Rate Design Overview and Discussion of Pricing Objectives

S. Gaur of Raftelis Associates gave a presentation on the Rate Design Study he is contracted with the Water Department to complete. He covered the following topics:

- Process for Determining Appropriate Rate Structure.
- Review of Pricing Objectives
- Water Use Efficiency Analysis for Single Family Residential
- Nexus Requirement for Tiered Pricing
- Next Steps

Oral communications were received from four members of the public, including S. McGilvray, R. Longinotti, R. Pomerantz, and Sophie (last name unknown).

Commissioner D. Baskin recommended that the pricing objective, “Perceived to be Fair to the Public” be moved up from Neutral to Important. Other Commissioners agreed. Staff confirmed that the results of this study will be returned to the Commission before being presented to Council. No action was taken. The presentation will be included in the original papers.

2. Santa Cruz Municipal Code – Revisions to Section 16.03, Plumbing Fixture Retrofit

Water Conservation Representative Clara Cartwright presented a report on proposed revisions to Municipal Code Section 16.03 to change plumbing fixture retrofit requirements to a maximum of 1.28 gpf for toilets, 0.5 gpf for urinals, and 2.0 gpm in compliance with AB 715 of 2007 that requires these levels as of 2014.

Oral comment was received from one member of the public, R. Pomerantz.

Commission Comments

Commissioner W. Wadlow moved that the Commission recommend the City Council adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 16.03 of the Santa Cruz Municipal Code pertaining to plumbing fixture retrofits. Commissioner Stearns seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

AYES: D. Baskin, G. Mead, D. Stearns, and W. Wadlow.

NOES: None.

3. Water Conservation Master Plan

Water Conservation Manager T. Goddard and consultant Bill Maddaus of Maddaus Water Management, Inc. gave a presentation on the status of the Water Conservation Master Plan update he is contracted with the Water Department to complete, covering these topics:

- Update on project schedule
- Review Codes and Standards savings estimate
- Evaluation methodology of new measures including avoided costs as the basis of the benefits
- Next Steps

Oral comment was received from one member of the public, Scott McGilvray.

Mr. Maddaus responded to questions from the Commissioners. No action was taken. The presentation will be included in the original papers.

4. City Council Oct. 8 Action regarding Water Supply Planning

Staff distributed the City Council report for the October 8 agenda regarding Water Supply Planning.

Oral comment was received from one member of the public, Scott McGilvray.

Staff responded to questions from the Commissioners. Commissioner Stearn agreed to attend the Council meeting and present the Commission's recommendations.

Commission W. Wadlow moved Commissioner D. Baskin's recommendations.

Commissioner G. Mead seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

AYES: D. Baskin, G. Mead, D. Stearns, and W. Wadlow.

NOES: None.

5. Proclamation Honoring Bill Kocher

Commission G. Mead moved to adopt a proclamation honoring Bill Kocher's service to the City. Commissioner W. Wadlow seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

AYES: D. Baskin, G. Mead, D. Stearns, and W. Wadlow.

NOES: None.

Subcommittee/Advisory Body Oral Reports No items.

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

1. Monthly Status of Water Supply

T. Goddard presented the staff report. He said staff is considering recommending to Council their approval of extending the current water restrictions until conditions improved as determined by the Interim Water Director. No action was taken.

2. Desalination Program

No report was presented or action taken.

Information Item

1. Training Opportunities for Commissioners

No action was taken.

Media Articles (Pages 48-61) No action was taken on this item.

1. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 8-23-13
2. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 8-24-13
3. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 8-28-13
4. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 9-09-13
5. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 9-16-13
6. News Article – Good Times 9-24-13
7. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 9-28-13

Documents for Future Meetings No action was taken on this item.

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m. until the next meeting of the Water Commission scheduled for November 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.