



Water Department

**Water Commission
Minutes**

7:00 p.m. – Monday, December 2, 2013

Council Chambers

809 Center Street, Santa Cruz

Minutes 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, G. Mead, D. Meyers, D. Stearns, W. Wadlow, and L. Wilshusen.

Absent: A. Schiffrin (with notification)

Staff: L. Almond, Interim Water Director; T. Goddard, Water Conservation Manager; H. Luckenbach, Deputy Director/Engineering Manager; N. Dennis, Principal Management Analyst; L. Rossiter, Management Analyst, R. Coletta, Administrative Assistant II; and G. Rudometkin, Administrative Assistant III.

Others: Approximately seven members of the public.

Presentation There were no presentations.

Statements of Disqualification There were no statements of disqualification.

Oral Communications

Oral and written communications were made by S. McGilvray. Oral communications were made by P. Pethoe. All written materials provided to the Commission will be included in the official file.

Announcements There were no announcements.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner D. Baskin asked that a minor correction be made; to remove his middle name from the minutes.

Commissioner L. Wilshusen moved approval of the November 4, 2013 Water Commission minutes. Commissioner D. Stearns seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAINED: D. Meyers due to absence from the November 4 meeting.

ABSENT: A. Schiffrin

Consent Agenda

Item 1 - Three-month Calendar was pulled for discussion.

Commissioner G. Mead moved for approval of Consent Agenda. Commissioner L. Wilshusen seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: A. Schiffrin

Items Removed from Consent Agenda

1. Three-month Calendar

Interim Water Director L. Almond responded to Commission questions.

Oral communications were made by S. McGilvray.

Commission Discussion/Comments:

- There was direction provided to the staff about the presentations for the parade of projects.
- Requested an update report on the HCP negotiations at a future meeting.
- Requested a report on Loch Lomond ADA Study at a future meeting. .
- Requested more advertisement and public notice for the Water Conservation Master Plan and Water Transfer Presentation

Commissioner D. Meyers moved for the approval Consent Agenda item 1 - Three-month Calendar. Commissioner L. Wilshusen seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT A. Schiffrin

General Business

1. West Side Recreation Feasibility Analysis for Loch Lomond Recreation Area – Scope of Work

Management Analyst L. Rossiter provided the staff report and responded to Commission questions.

Oral communications were made by P. Pethoe.

Commission Discussion/Comments:

- Concern expressed about the environmental impact on the expanded use of Loch Lomond as a Recreation Area
- Requested feasibility criteria regarding the access issue pertaining to the LLRA at a future meeting.

2. Water Commission Work Plan

L. Almond introduced the Water Departments new Deputy Director/Engineering Manager: H. Luckenbach. H. Luckenbach provided an oral report and with L. Almond responded to Commission questions.

Oral communications were made by S. McGilvray.

Commission Discussion/Comments:

- Emphasized the importance of Operations and Maintenance perspective
- Emphasized during the Community Engagement Reset Process the importance of accurate scientific information which needs to come from staff and the committee.
- Requested an explanation of the draft EIR; specifically what is the current timeline for both Santa Cruz and Soquel Creek to report back to City Council and the Board of Directors and instructions on how to proceed at a future meeting..
- Confirmed that members of the public have access to an RFP or an RFQ just by submitting a request.
- Requested an explanation on how the conservation flows effect our system in certain ways under certain conditions (HCP).

3. Community Engagement for Drought Solutions

Interim Water Director L. Almond responded to Commission questions.

Oral communications were made by S. McGilvray.

Commission Discussion/Comments:

- Discussion of composition/membership of the proposed advisory body.
- Consider the Water Department's role or lack of role in this committee structure.
- Requested an actual written plan to understand the objective of this new committee and what it hopes to accomplish so as to engage in the discussion if the Water Commission belongs.
- Discussion of drafting letter to the City Council; concluded not to do so at this time.
- Suggests that receiving a report from Tina Shull is preferred in order to have a more informed discussion.
- Suggests the role of the Commission is to provide realistic input and advise the advisory body and offer some of the infrastructure necessary (staff, technical information, etc.) to support the kind of decisions that this group is going to have to make.
- Confirmed it is important that the Council fund and complete the EIR, it is the government method of fact finding and evaluating alternatives to a project.

- Would like to ensure the work of the Commission and the Water Department's scientific analysis over the last two decades isn't lost during this reset process.

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

Oral Communications were made by T. Goddard, Water Conservation Manager along with photos of Loch Lomond regarding the monthly water supply.

2. Water Supply Project Update

There was no report.

Media Articles (Pages 33-53) No action was taken on this item.

1. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 10-29-13 ★ (Page 33-34)
2. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 11-2-13 ★ (Pages 35-37)
3. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 11-2-13★ (Pages 38-39)
4. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 11-3-13★ (Pages 40-41)
5. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 11-5-13★ (Pages 42-43)
6. News Article – Good Times 11-13-13★ (Pages 44-46)
7. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 11-16-13★ (Pages 47-48)
8. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 11-19-13★ (Pages 49-50)
9. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 10-24-13★ (Pages 51-53)

Documents for Future Meetings There were no documents for future meetings.

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agenda

- Requested more advertisement and public notice for the Water Conservation Master Plan and Water Transfer Presentation.
- Provide definitions of "Replacement Cost of Water" to be part of T. Goddards conservation item at a future meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by 8:40 p.m. until the next meeting of the Water Commission that is scheduled for January 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

Staff