



Water Department

Water Commission
7:00 p.m. – Monday, January 6 , 2014
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 7:05 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Roll Call

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

Absent: D. Stearns (with notification)

Staff Present: L. Almond, Interim Water Director; T. Goddard, Administrative Services Manager; H. Luckenbach, Deputy Director/Engineering Manager; N. Dennis, Principal Management Analyst; L. Rossiter, Management Analyst; G. Rudometkin, Administrative Assistant III; D. Valby, Associate Civil Engineer; K. Dodd, Associate Civil Engineer; K. Crossley, Associate Civil Engineer; M. Zeman, Assistant Engineer.

Others: Approximately 16 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. All written materials will be included in the official file.

Announcements There were no announcements.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner D. Baskin moved approval of December 2, 2013 Water Commission minutes.

Commissioner D. Meyers seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: D. Stearns

ABSTAINED: A. Schiffrin due to absence from the December 2nd meeting.

Consent Agenda

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

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

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: D. Stearns

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

1. Three-month Calendar

Interim Water Director L. Almond and N. Dennis, Principal Management Analyst responded to Commission questions.

Commission Discussion/Comments:

- Requested a declaration of water shortage in light of the current water supply.
- Requested Rate Study and HCP negotiations update at a future meeting.

Commissioner G. Mead moved approval of item #1 of the Consent Agenda. Commissioner D. Baskin seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: D. Stearns

General Business

1. Water Supply Community Engagement

Tina Shull, Assistant City Manager provided information on the Community Engagement Process and responded to Commission comments and questions.

Commission Discussion/Comments:

- Concern expressed regarding the roles of Water Commission and the Water Supply Advisory Committee (WSAC).
- Concern expressed due to the very technical issues involved with water supply.
- Concern expressed regarding current water supply will not be addressed with the lengthy process of forming this new committee.
- Concern expressed on the hold put on the Environmental Impact Report.
- Would like to request Council to allocate the funds to complete the EIR.
- Concern expressed over the competency level of the new WSAC members and staff.

- Concerned expressed that there is no mention in the WSAC policy framework regarding documents such as the Urban Water Management Plan and Integrated Water Management Plan as these documents are foundational policy.
- Comment was made that in the Integrated Water Management Plan contained a curtailment goal (of 15%) that we felt the community could sustain. It is important that conservation, curtailment, and the alternative water supply component are recognized.
- Suggested that a request should be made to City Council and the City Manager's office to hold some money in order to convene a technical panel that could include statewide or national expertise.
- Concern expressed over the committee's duplicative aspect, having the charge of WSAC and the Commission do similar work.
- Concern expressed whether current staff will have the time to staff WSAC along with all of their workload.
- Concern that we have a Water Department that has been working on this problem steadily for the last 20+ years and we have a Commission that is the current repository of that knowledge for purposes of advising the council for the last 20 + years.
- Concern expressed that the WSAC's one year timeframe for this project may be too short in light of its mission.
- Regional collaboration with Soquel Creek, San Lorenzo Valley, and Scotts Valley is something not addressed in the WSAC Framework. Afraid regional cooperation will be lost.
- Concern over whether the Commissioners can serve on the Committee due to the Water Commission by-laws, under the Term of Office, Section 4: Dual Service says no member shall be eligible to serve on two advisory bodies unless one is established for less than 13 months. The 12 month timeframe of this Committee is right on the precipice of the 13 months and the innuendo that the timeframe can extend beyond a year would then eliminate anyone from the Water Commission from serving
- Suggestion was made that it might be good tact for WASC to conduct Town Hall or Q & A meetings rather than give technical recommendations to City Council, the attempt or the goal is to engage the community, the Committee can be a conduit for how the community is thinking or wants.
- Concern expressed about the appropriateness for WASC for them to be redoing everything the Commission has done the last 20 years and trying to come up with a different solution for something that has already been studied.
- Requested that the Committee facilitator visit the Commission for a collaborative effort.

2. Major Projects Update and Basis of Cost Estimates

Deputy Water Director/Engineering Manager H. Luckenbach provided the staff report on this item and staff responded to Commission questions.

Presentations were made on the following projects:

- Bay Street Reservoir Replacement – D. Valby, Associate Civil Engineer
- North Coast System Rehabilitation Program – K. Crossley, Associate Civil Engineer Beltz Well #12 - K. Crossley, Associate Civil Engineer
- Water Treatment Plant Upgrades – H. Luckenbach, Deputy Water Director/Engineering Manager
- Water Main Replacement Program – K. Dodd, Associate Civil Engineer
- Loch Lomond Recreation Area Facilities Improvements - L. Rossiter, Management Analyst
- Tank Recoating Projects – M. Zeman, Assistant Engineer

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 and written communications were made by T. Goddard, Administrative Services Manager.
2. Water Supply Project Update
Oral communications were made by T. Goddard, Administrative Services Manager and L. Almond, Interim Water Director and responded to Commission questions.

Information Items No action shall be taken on this item.

1. Training Opportunities for Commissioners
2. Changes to Brown Act - Effective January 1, 2014
3. Written Materials Provided by Members of the Public

Media Articles (Pages 155-169) No action shall be taken on this item.

1. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 11-26-13 ☆ (Page 155-157)
2. News Article – SantaCruz.com 11-27-13 ☆ (Page 158)
3. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 11-27-13 ☆ (Pages 159-160)
4. News Article – Good Times 12-04-13 ☆ (Pages 161-162)
5. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 12-7-13 ☆ (Pages 163-164)
6. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 12-13-13 ☆ (Pages 165-167)
7. News Article – SantaCruz.com 12-17-13 ☆ (Pages 168-169)

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

1. New City Council Procedural Rules for Motions and Debate Pages

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm until the next meeting of the Water Commission is scheduled for February 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

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