



Water Department

Water Commission
7:00 p.m. - Monday, June 2, 2014
Council Chambers
809 Center Street, Santa Cruz

Minutes of a Water Commission Meeting

Call to Order – Chair D. Baskin called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Roll Call

Present: D. Baskin (Chair), G. Mead, A. Schiffrin (arrived at 7:02pm), D. Schwarm, D. Stearns (arrived at 7:04pm), W. Wadlow (Vice-chair), and L. Wilshusen.

Absent: None.

Staff: R. Menard, Water Director; C. Berry, Watershed Compliance Manager; N. Dennis Principal Management Analyst; G. Rudometkin, Administrative Assistant III.

Others: Approximately 12 members of the public.

Presentation – There were no presentations.

Statements of Disqualification – There were no statements of disqualification.

Oral Communications – Oral Communications made by P. Pethoe.

Announcements – There were no announcements.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner D. Stearns moved to delete the summary of commission comments, discussion and the bullet points associated with them. Commissioner G. Mead would like the following words removed “due to absence from the May 5th meeting” from the Water Conservation Plan vote in order to approve the May 5th, 2014 Water Commission minutes. Commissioner Baskin seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

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

NOES: A. Schiffrin.

ABSTAINED: W. Wadlow, due to absence from the May 5th meeting.

Consent Agenda

1. City Council Items Affecting Water

2. Operating Budget Overview
3. Transfer of Rate Stabilization Funds
4. Update on Recycled Water Transfer with Scotts Valley District & Pasatiempo Golf
5. Course – Status Update
6. Correspondence from Chancellor George Blumenthal dated 5/1/14
7. Abstention Memo
8. Water Commission Minutes Memo

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved that items 1 and 5 not be moved off the Consent Agenda.
Commissioner L. Wilshusen seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

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

NOES: None.

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

Item 6: Abstention Memo

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved to accept the staff recommendation on Item: 6, which is to accept the information. Commissioner L. Wilshusen seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

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

NOES: None.

Item 7: Water Commission Minutes Memo

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved that the bylaws be brought back regarding the minutes at our next meeting with wording changes that would allow the Commission to have greater detail in the minutes. Commissioner D. Schwarm seconded.

Amendment: A. Schiffrin asked that the bylaws be brought back with some suggestive language for greater detail and in the interim that they be prepared as they are now.

Commissioner D. Baskin stated “For the record, I am voting against this because I don’t think we can properly pass a motion that violates our Bylaws; with that said I will call for the question.”

VOICE VOTE: MOTION FAILED

AYES: D. Schwarm and A. Schiffrin.

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

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved that this item be moved until the meeting after the next and that all Commissioners be provided copies of the Bylaws. Commissioner G. Mead seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION FAILED

AYES: G. Mead, A. Schiffrin

NOES: D. Baskin, D. Schwarm, D. Stearns, W. Wadlow, and L. Wilshusen None.

Item 2: Operating Budget Overview

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved to accept the staff recommendation. Commissioner L. Wilshusen seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

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

NOES: None.

Item 3: Transfer of Rate Stabilization Funds

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved that Commission approve the staff recommendation to recommend to Council to utilize the Rate Stabilization Reserve Fund and hold the \$.10/ccf replenishment amount in abeyance. Commissioner L. Wilshusen seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

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

NOES: None.

Item 4: Update on Recycled Water Transfer

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved to accept the staff recommendation on this item. Commissioner L. Wilshusen seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

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

NOES: None.

General Business

1. Work Session on Fish Flows

Presentation provided by Watershed Compliance Manager, C. Berry; Jeff Hagar, Fisheries Biologist; S. Skaggs, Legal Counsel and they responded to Commission questions.

Public Comment: Oral comments made by R. Longinotti, P. Pethoe, and S. McGilvray.

2. Leadership and Sustainability Initiative

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved that the Commission table this item until a future meeting. Commissioner G. Mead seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

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

NOES: None.

3. Introduction to Santa Cruz Water Department's Financial Model
Presentation provided by Water Director, R. Menard & Principal Management Analyst, Nicole Dennis, & Sanjay Gaur of Raftelis Consulting and responded to Commission questions.

Public Comment: Oral Comment made by P. Pethoe, D. Enfger, R. Longinotti and S. McGilvray.

Subcommittee/Advisory Body Oral Reports No items.

WSAC Update (Oral Report)

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

1. Monthly Status of Water Supply

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

1. None

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 10:18pm, the next meeting of the Water Commission is scheduled for July 7th, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

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