

City of Santa Cruz  
809 Center Street  
Santa Cruz, California 95060

**MINUTES OF A JOINT CITY COUNCIL/WATER COMMISSION MEETING**

March 3, 2015

**7:30 P.M.**

**Call to Order** - Mayor Lane called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Councilmembers Chase, Terrazas, Comstock, Posner, Noroyan; Vice Mayor Mathews (arrived at 8:15 p.m.); Mayor Lane.

**Absent:** None.

**Present:** Commissioners Mead, Schiffrin, Wilshusen; Vice Chair Wadlow; Chair Baskin.

**Absent:** Commissioners Schwarm, Stearns.

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**Staff:** City Manager M. Bernal, Director of Water R. Menard, Administrative Services Manager T. Goddard, Deputy City Clerk K. Santana, City Clerk Administrator B. Lehr.

**General Business**

1. Study Session on Water Rate Design (WT)

Director of Water R. Menard gave an oral report.

Greg Webber, Executive Director of the California Urban Water Conservation Council, gave a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council's questions.

Sanjay Garr, Raftelis consultant, gave a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council's questions.

Administrative Services Manager T. Goddard responded to Council's questions.

**General Business (continued)**

1. Study Session on Water Rate Design (WT) (continued)

**SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR EXPRESSING THEIR PERSPECTIVES:**

Rick Longinotti  
John Aird  
Mark Mesiti-Miller  
Bill Tysseling, Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce Executive  
Director  
Dan Spelce  
Ron Pomerantz  
Barbara Riverwomon  
Sid Slatter, Santa Cruz County Business Council  
Christie Kirbie

Water Commissioners Andy Schiffrin, George Mead, Linda Wilshusen, Walt Wadlow, and David Baskin commented on the presentation and issues discussed and gave their suggestions about how to proceed.


Councilmembers Comstock, Chase, Posner, Noroyan, Vice Mayor Mathews, and Mayor Lane provided their feedback and commented on the presentation to provide direction to staff.

Director of Water R. Menard summarized the themes that Council requested from staff in moving forward with the water rate design including: exploring options in multi-family and commercial/industrial sector, thinking through the administrative complexities of any action taken, thinking creatively about capital needs for rehabilitation and replacement, contemplating the possibility of some rate structure issues to look at including some conservation portfolios coming out of the Water Supply Advisory Committee, equity and not making the situation for people with low incomes worse.

**Adjournment**

The City Council adjourned at 10:36 p.m. from the Joint City Council / Water Commission Study Session of March 3, 2015 to the next regular meeting of March 10, 2015 for a Closed Litigation Session after the hour of 1:30 p.m. in the Courtyard Conference Room followed by open sessions at the approximate hours of 2:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Respectfully Submitted:



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Kristina Santana  
Deputy City Clerk

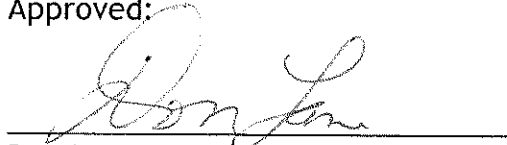
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Bren Lehr  
City Clerk Administrator

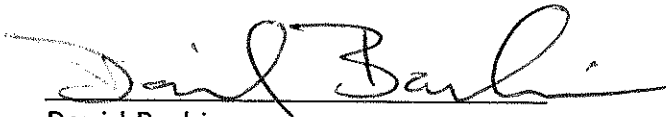
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Don Lane  
Mayor

Approved:



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David Baskin  
Chair