



**Water Commission
Minutes**
7:00 p.m. – Monday, March 2, 2009
Council Chambers
809 Center Street Santa Cruz

Minutes of a Water Commission meeting

Call to Order Chair H. Whitney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Roll Call

Present: C. Keutmann; M. McClellan; S. O’Hara, A. Schiffrin and H. Whitney, Chair.
Absent: B. Fouse and L. Kasa, absent with notice.
Staff: L. Almond, Deputy Water Director/Eng. Mgr.; P. Harmon, Principal Administrative Analyst; T. Goddard, Water Conservation Manager; B. Kocher, Water Director and D. Paul, Administrative Assistant.

Presentation There were no presentations.

Statements of Disqualification There were no statements of disqualification.

Oral Communications There were no oral communications.

Announcements

Commissioner A. Schiffrin requested that for the next three months that the meeting began at 7:15 p.m. rather than 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner M. McClellan moved to approve the February 2, 2009 Water Commission minutes as submitted. Commissioner S. O’Hara seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

AYES: C. Keutmann, M. McClellan, S. O’Hara and H. Whitney.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: B. Fouse and L. Kasa.

ABSTAIN: A. Schiffrin.

Consent Agenda

1. Three-month Calendar
2. City Council Action Affecting Water

Both items 1. Three month calendar; and 2. City Council Action Affecting Water were removed for discussion.

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

1. Three-month Calendar

The commission requested that the Revised Water Supply Outlook for 2009 be included on the three month calendar for the April meeting.

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved to approve the three month calendar as revised.
Commissioner C. Keutmann seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

AYES: C. Keutmann, M. McClellan, S. O'Hara, A. Schiffrin and H. Whitney.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: B. Fouse and L. Kasa.

2. City Council Action Affecting Water

The commission requested that staff report on the public hearing that was held by City Council on the Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

The commission requested that further information on the Loch Lomond Reservoir Capacity and Sedimentation Study 2009 be included on a future agenda.

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved to approve the City Council Action Affecting Water.
Commissioner C. Keutmann seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

AYES: C. Keutmann, M. McClellan, S. O'Hara, A. Schiffrin and H. Whitney.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: B. Fouse and L. Kasa.

General Business

1. Capital Improvement Program Report

Principal Administrative Analyst Harmon provided the staff report and answered questions on this item.

The Commission requested that staff provide an informational item on the Surface Water Treatment Rules - Long Term 2 that must be implemented by 2012.

The Commission also requested that staff provide an analysis of Capital Improvement Program budget allocation versus expenditures since 2004.

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved to recommend City Council approval of the FY 2010-2012 Capital Improvement Program Request. Commissioner C. Keutmann seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

AYES: C. Keutmann, M. McClellan, S. O'Hara, A. Schiffrin and H. Whitney.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: B. Fouse and L. Kasa.

2. Aquatic Invasive Species Strategy

Director Kocher provided the staff report and answered questions on this item.

Public Comment

Oral Communications were made by Diane Nunn, Alicia Morgan and Dennis Jutson all requesting that the Water Commission consider an inspection system using sealing tags that would still allow private boats to be allowed at the Loch Lomond Recreation Area.

Commission Discussion

It is of utmost importance to protect the water source at any cost for the 90,000 customers served by the City.

The commission discussed different ways to keep the recreation area open to private boats. It was determined that the inspection system used for the 2008 season was not protective enough. Several different approaches that included requiring a fourteen to thirty day self-quarantine or tagging system were discussed.

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved to recommend that City Council approve an inspection system that would require a boat owner visit Loch Lomond with a dry boat, have it inspected, and then tagged with a sealing tag system. The boat would then be self-quarantined by the owner for no less than 15 days time. The combined initial inspection, quarantine and tag system would assure the boat had not been launched elsewhere and if the tag is intact on a return visit, it could be launched at Loch Lomond. For trailered boats, the tag would be connected to the boat and to the trailer, and would break if the boat was removed from the trailer. Kayaks or canoes would need to be inserted into a kayak bag which could be sealed and tagged and the same rules would apply (those bags are available for \$60-\$120). Each time a boat left Loch Lomond, a new tag would be affixed. This would mean that for boaters that only launch at Loch Lomond, the tag system would allow one opening season inspection, quarantine, and easy entrance thereafter. It was further moved that the City Council add an inspection fee that assures the program is "self-supporting." Commissioner S. O'Hara seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

AYES: M. McClellan, S. O'Hara, A. Schiffrin and H. Whitney.

NOES: C. Keutmann,.

ABSENT: B. Fouse and L. Kasa.

3. Revised Water Supply Outlook for 2009

Water Conservation Manager Goddard provided the staff report and answered questions on this item.

No action was taken on this item. The Water Commission will receive a current water supply conditions report along with recommended action plan for water restrictions consistent with Stage 1 or Stage 2 of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan at its April 6, 2009 meeting.

Subcommittee/Advisory Body Oral Reports

1. City of Santa Cruz/Soquel Creek Water District Desalination Task Force

Commissioner Schiffrin reported that he is concerned about several of the recommendations that have been made for the Operation Plan and Agreement for the proposed desalination plant. He requested that the Water Commission be provided the agenda materials relating to the Operation Plan and Agreement on the Consent agenda.

Director's Oral Report

1. Monthly Status of Water Supply There was nothing further to report.

2. Desalination Program

Director Kocher reported that the pilot plant will be decommissioned in six weeks, a mixing study will need to be done to determine how both agencies water react to each other and staff continues to stay in contact will all regulatory agencies.

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

Loch Lomond Reservoir Capacity and Sedimentation Study 2009

An informational item on the Surface Water Treatment Rules - Long Term 2

An analysis of Capital Improvement Program budget allocation versus expenditures since 2004.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m. until the next meeting of the Water Commission scheduled for April 6, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Donna Paul
Staff