

Minutes  
Water Conservation Commission  
February 5, 2015

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Commission members Grace Silva-Santella, Jim Felton (arrived at 5:35 pm), Charlie Eskridge, David Brown, Peter Le, JoAnn Cannon, Bethany Taylor and Audie Robinson were present. James Derbin, Paul Lord, and Paula Riso were present from staff. Jan Shriner was present from the public.

2. Public Comments on Any Item Not on the Agenda:

Jan Shriner voiced her appreciation to everyone for: 1) volunteering their time; 2) their cooperation while she was appointed to the Commission; and, 3) continuing to work together on the CSUMB program and the MOU for the In-school Education program, among others. Commissioner Cannon thanked Jan Shriner for her work on the Commission and responding quickly to questions as well as being very open and approachable in her position.

3. Approve the January 15, 2015 Meeting Minutes:

The Commission asked for several corrections to the minutes. Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2015 meeting, as amended. Director Le seconded the motion. With a vote of 7 Ayes, 0-Noes, 0-Absent, and 1-Absention (Brown), the motion was passed.

4. Receive Training on the Brown Act Statute:

Councilmember Brown gave a brief presentation on the Brown Act. He provided examples of Brown Act rules and violations, i.e. agenda posting, serial meetings, collective concurrence, and email violations.

5. Receive an Update on the Article Prepared by the WCC but Revised by MCWD Board President and Resolve Questions Regarding its Distribution:

Mr. Lord introduced this item giving a brief background on the revisions to the article that was prepared by the WCC. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Cannon made a motion for Mr. Lord and Chair Silva-Santella to look at the original article, make minor edits, and submit it to the Interim General Manager for permission to send it to local newspapers. Commissioner Felton seconded the motion. With a vote of 8 Ayes, 0-Noes, 0-Absent, the motion was passed.

6. Discuss and Consider Proposing Recommendations to the Board of Directors Concerning the In-School Water Science/Conservation Program:

Mr. Lord gave a brief update of the program and information he gathered regarding other District's conservation programs. Mr. Lord suggested that the current program remain as is until a new teacher is hired, trained and in place, and then once the new teacher is comfortable with the program, it can be expanded. Discussion followed.

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Commissioner Cannon made a motion that 1) the District continue the MOU with MPUSD and retain the current program through June 2016 and, add resources to allow Ms. Linzer the ability to train the new teacher; and, 2) recommend that the Board explore adding additional resources to expand the MOU for the in-school science program. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion. With a vote of 7 Ayes, 1-Noes, 0-Absent, the motion was passed.

7. Receive Updated GPCD, Water Production, and Water Consumption Data:

Mr. Lord gave a very brief update and Chair Silva-Santella stated that this item will be brought back to the next meeting for more in-depth discussion.

8. Introduction to Water Saving Devices – the INSTANT-OFF Water Saver Device:

Mr. Lord provided INSTANT-OFF water saver devices for the Commission to try and provide feedback at the next meeting. Commissioner Cannon voiced her appreciation of the student intern in the conservation department and her hard work in pulling much of this information together.

9. Review and Propose Agenda Items for the March 5, 2015 WCC Meeting and Future Meetings:

The Commission discussed future agenda items and agreed to the following items for March: 1) review new water saving devices (INSTANT-OFF); and, 2) review, evaluate, and propose improvements to the high-efficiency toilet rebate program.

The Commission did not discuss agenda items 10 and 11 as they ran out of time.

12. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.