Minutes Water Conservation Commission

June 2, 2016

1. Call to Order/Introduction:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Commission members Grace Silva-Santella (arrived at 5:33 p.m.), Charlie Eskridge, Jim Felton, Audie Robinson, JoAnn Cannon, and Jan Shriner were present. Bethany Taylor, and David Brown had notified staff that they was going to be absent from the meeting. Paul Lord and Paula Riso were present from staff.

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

None.

3. Action to Approve the May 5, 2016 Meeting Minutes:

Commissioner Eskridge made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Felton seconded the motion. With a vote of 4-Ayes, 0-Noes, 1-Abstained (Robinson), 3-Absent (Silva-Santella, Taylor, Brown), the motion was passed.

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

Chair Silva-Santella arrived at 5:33 p.m.

Mr. Lord introduced this item and gave an update on the latest data through the end of April 2016. He noted that the water production has been dropping since 2013. The Commission discussed golf course usage as well as construction usage.

5. Discussion and Possible Action to Consider Recommending Adoption of a Resolution to Declare Water Conservation Stage 2 as Allowed by the State of Water Resource Control Board's Emergency Mandatory Water Conservation Regulations:

Mr. Lord introduced this item and gave an update the current mandates by the State in which they have released the mandatory Stage 3 and are leaving it up to the individual water districts to decide where they need to be. Mr. Lord noted that due to the high level of conservation achieved by the customers within the District, staff was considering suggesting going back to Stage 2 where water conservation is voluntary and watering is allowed 3 days per week.

The Commission discussed the drought, seawater intrusion and recharge of the aquifers and whether it would be prudent to stay at Stage 3. Following discussion, the Commission requested to table this item and discuss it further in July when there is current water usage for June.

6. Review and Propose Agenda Items for the July 7, 2016 WCC Meeting and Future Meetings:

Chair Silva-Santella asked whether they would get a presentation on seawater intrusion. Mr. Lord stated that the General Manager said that it does not fall under the purview of the Commission. Commissioner Cannon stated that she would still like to request a presentation. Mr. Lord stated that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency had a variety of reports on seawater intrusion and the drought on their website and invited everyone to visit www.mcwra.co.monterey.ca.us. Mr. Lord suggested several agenda items: consideration of changes to Stage 3 water restrictions; Labor Day parade; and, continued update on GPCD, Water Production, and Water Consumption Data. Chair Silva-Santella asked to add laundry to landscape to the future agenda items.

7. Receive Update on Board/District Activities:

Director Shriner gave a brief update on the latest actions of the Board.

8. Receive Comments from Commission Members:

No comments.

9. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.