

Minutes  
Water Conservation Commission

April 6, 2017

1. Call to Order/Introduction:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Commission members Phil Clark, Bethany Taylor, Tom Britzman, Jim Felton, Walter Erwin, Margaret-Anne Coppernoll, and Jan Shriner were present. Charlie Eskridge, Jason Montgomery, and David Brown were absent. Efrem Valentine was present from the public. Paul Lord, Jean Premutati, Thomas Barkhurst, and Paula Riso were present from staff.

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

None.

3. Welcome New Commissioners Walter Erwin and Jason Montgomery and Receive an Updated Commission Membership Table:

Chair Clark welcomed the new Commissioners and introduced Commissioner Erwin to the group, noting that Commissioner Montgomery was absent. Mr. Lord shared a new membership table with everyone stating that there are four positions that expire in August 2017 and the District was accepting applications until July 20th. The applications will be reviewed at the August 3rd Commission meeting and then forwarded to the Board for final appointment on August 21st.

4. Action Items:

A. Approve the March 2, 2017 Meeting Minutes:

Commissioner Britzman commented that he would like to amend the minutes to add the following “Paul Lord announced he had completed negotiations with a section of rental units in Ord that were constructed in 1952. The replacement of toilets of the 3.5 gallons per flush with the newer 1.28 gallons per flush is planned. The amount of \$35,000 has been budgeted as shown in agenda item 5-b, paragraph 2a in today’s meeting notes. This is a major step forward at a reasonable cost.” Commissioner Britzman made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2017 meeting with the amendment stated above. Director Shriner seconded the motion. With a vote of 6-Ayes, 0-Noes, 1-Abstained (Taylor), 3-Absent (Eskridge, Brown, Montgomery), the motion was passed.

B. Consider Recommending for Approval by the Board of Directors the 2016 Consumer Confidence Report for the Marina Coast Water District Water System, Central Marina and Ord Community:

Mr. Barkhurst introduced this item and answered clarifying questions. Commissioner Britzman suggested increasing the font size because 10 font is too small and hard to read.

Agenda Item 4-B (continued):

Commissioner Britzman made a motion to recommend for approval to the Board of Directors, the 2016 Consumer Confidence Report for the Marina Coast Water District Water System, Central Marina and Ord Community. Commissioner Coppernoll seconded the motion. With a vote of 6-Ayes, 0-Noes, 1-Abstained (Shriner), 3-Absent (Eskridge, Brown, Montgomery), the motion was passed.

5. Staff Reports:

A. Receive a Verbal Update on the March 22nd and April 5th WCC Working Group Meetings:

Mr. Lord introduced this item and noted that the working group meeting of April 5th was canceled. At the March 22nd meeting, the working group discussed water supplies, water production, categories of authorized consumption, types of water losses, non-revenue water, water system data, water cost data, and water loss performance indicators. Commissioner Britzman inquired on the number of unmetered accounts and how it went down so drastically in two months. Ms. Premutati answered that MCWD has been installing meters in the military community where there were no meters previously. Mr. Lord commented that working groups, although helpful for Commissioners, are very time consuming for staff. He suggested that they only schedule working group meetings as needed.

B. Review the Proposed 2017-2018 MCWD Water Conservation Rebate Program Budgets:

Mr. Lord reviewed the proposed Water Conservation Rebate program budgets for FY 2017-2018. He explained that they were proposing to reduce the Marina Clothes Washer Rebate budget by \$7,000 and keep the Ord Clothes Washer Rebate budget the same. Mr. Lord added that they were proposing to reduce the Marina Toilet Rebate budget by \$10,000 and increase the Ord Toilet Rebate budget by \$10,000. For the Hot Water Recirculation Pump Rebates, they were proposing to increase the Marina budget by \$500 and reduce the Ord budget by \$500. Mr. Lord said they were proposing to increase the Marina Landscape Rebate budget by \$11,250 and increase the Ord Landscape budget by \$3,750. Discussion followed

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

Mr. Lord introduced this item. He reviewed the data received through March 31st and talked about the new meter installations in the Ord Community.

D. Review Proposed Working Group Meetings and Agenda Items for the May 4, 2017 WCC Meeting and Future Meetings:

Mr. Lord introduced this item and stated that in May, he would like to discuss Resale Retrofitting, Revised Clothes Washer Tiers, Rewriting the Water Conservation Ordinance. He added that in the working group, he would like to discuss Landscape Standards/Development Standards.

Agenda Item 5-D (continued):

Commissioner Britzman suggested educating customers on the status of the aquifers and how they are slow to replenish.

6. Receive Update on Board/District Activities:

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

7. Receive Comments from Commission Members:

Commissioner Coppernoll asked if there were enough volunteers for Earth Day and the Garden Tour. Mr. Lord stated that he had volunteers for the events. Chair Clark commented that at the Car Show, a vendor donated a new toilet and a Marina resident won it. He added that the Regional Recycle Center had a well-attended dedication ceremony with food and a site tour for 65 years of business. Director Shriner stated that MPUSD was dedicating the new track at Los Arboles School on April 9th.

8. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.