

Minutes
Water Conservation Commission

August 3, 2017

1. Call to Order/Introduction:

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

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

Chair Clark commented that the working groups were going well and are helping the Commission to meet our goals.

3. Action Item:

A. Approve the July 6, 2017 Meeting Minutes:

Commissioner Coppernoll made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Felton commented that in the future, he would like to see the minutes recognize members of the public so that it is clear that they are members of the public and not the public members of the Commission. Mr. Lord commented that he would like item 4-B in the minutes to reflect that the comment he made was that the District did keep statistics on the Washer rebates, but they don't track them in the way that Director Shriner was asking i.e. residence, store or brand.

Commissioner Coppernoll amended her motion to include the language by Mr. Lord and that in future minutes, the public is referred to as "members of the public". Vice Chair Eskridge seconded the amended motion. With a vote of 5-Ayes, 0-Noes, 2-Abstained (Felton, Taylor), 2-Absent (Montgomery, Brown), the motion was passed.

B. Review Submitted Applications for Available Seats on the Water Conservation Commission and Consider Making Recommendations for Appointments to the Board:

Mr. Lord noted that there were four open seats on the Commission and that four applications had been received for those seats. Chair Clark asked if any of the applicants wanted to give a brief background on why they are applying for the seats. Mr. Valentin stated that he graduated from CSUMB and has lived in the area for 17 years. He said his background is in information technology and is concerned about conservation of resources, both environmental and water. Commissioner Coppernoll stated that she loves this group and hopes to continue on the Commission. Commissioner Felton commented that it was a great group of applicants and is glad that there are four openings on the Commission for all four applicants.

Commissioner Felton made a motion to recommend forwarding the applications to the Board of Directors for consideration. Commissioner Erwin seconded the motion. With a vote of 6-Ayes, 0-Noes, 1-Abstained (Shriner), 2-Absent (Montgomery, Brown), the motion was passed.

4. Staff Reports:

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

Mr. Lord gave a brief update and said he could answer any questions by email or phone.

B. Receive a Verbal Update on the July 19th and July 26th WCC Working Group Meetings:

Mr. Lord commented that the working groups have been working on revising the Water Conservation Ordinance regarding the retrofit requirements upon resale, remodeling, and change of use. He said they were still working on revising the Ordinance and there were more working group meetings scheduled for August.

C. Review and Revise 2017 WCC Goals, Objectives:

Mr. Lord reviewed the WCC goals; completed and those still in progress. He explained that some goals moved up on the list and there were also new goals identified. Mr. Lord stated that the Commission will continue to revise the goals and objectives and then the revised list will be brought to the management for further direction, and then forwarded to the Board.

D. Propose Working Group Meetings and Review Agenda Items for the September 7, 2017 WCC Meeting and Future Meetings:

Mr. Lord introduced this item and that at the next meeting they would be introducing the new members, electing a new president and vice president, new Commissioner orientation information, updated GPCD, Goals and Objectives, an update on August public events, and possible a presentation or tour. Chair Clark set a working group meeting for August 3rd at 3:00 p.m. to discuss the toilet retrofit ordinance changes.

E. Receive an Update on Upcoming Public Information Events:

Mr. Lord stated that the Labor Day Parade was coming up and he could use some help at the conservation booth in case anyone wanted to volunteer to help. He added that Ms. Driscoll was going to be at the Monterey County Fair working in the Water Awareness Committee booth on Saturday, September 2nd while he was working at the Labor Day Parade.

5. Receive Update on Board/District Activities:

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

6. Receive Comments from Commission Members:

Commissioner Coppernoll commented that MCWD was going a fantastic job and is very productive. Chair Clark stated that the working groups were doing good work and getting things done.

7. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.