

Minutes
Water Conservation Commission

March 1, 2018

1. Call to Order/Introduction:

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

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

Chair Clark commented that a certificate was given to Ray Ward, Orchard Supply Manager, for his assistance with supplying 5-gallon buckets for the conservation display at local events.

3. Action Item:

A. Approve the January 4, 2018 Meeting Minutes:

Commissioner Felton made a motion to approve the January 4, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Coppernoll seconded the motion. With a vote of 6-Ayes, 0-Noes, 1-Abstained (Brown), 2-Absent (Valentin, Taylor), the motion was passed.

Chair Clark moved to Item 5 on the agenda.

5. Workshop:

a. Continue Workshop to Establish 2018 WCC Goals and Objectives for 2018:

Chair Clark introduced this item and asked the Commission what goals they had for the WCC in 2018.

Vice Chair Eskridge commented that he would like to see more material geared towards teens; a display board with miscellaneous information to take to public events; and look into atmosphere water collectors.

Commissioner Coppernoll stated that she would like to see the display board with information and pictures showing the 5-minute shower bucket display.

Mr. Lord commented that he would like to develop a display showing what a unit of water looks like size-wise and on the display there can be conservation messages. He also wants to look at retrofitting clothes washers in multi-family residences; promoting lawn replacement; and gray water reuse.

Commissioner Felton commented that he would like to see assistance/rebates for rainwater catchment and materials.

Director Shriner stated that she would like to see more evaluation on non-essential turf removal.

Agenda item 5a (continued):

Chair Clark commented that he would like to see more participation at public events by Commissioners; more participation in working groups; applications for cell phones; and that Commissioners call in when they won't be able to make a meeting.

4. Staff Reports:

A. Receive the Calendar of Public Events for 2018:

Mr. Lord reviewed the calendar of upcoming public events. In response to questions, he did say that some events do charge for booth space, but not all. Director Shriner suggested that a booth be set up at the Native American Student Pow Wow the first weekend in November. Commissioner Felton and Vice Chair Eskridge volunteered for the Earth Day event.

B. Receive the Public Information Planning Schedule for the First Quarter 2018:

Mr. Lord reviewed the social media schedule and bill inserts through April.

C. Receive Notice of Change to District Rebate Processing and Payments:

Ms. Premutati explained that the District is looking at changing how rebates are processed and distributed to customers. Customers that receive large rebates will have to receive an IRS Form 1099 from the District at the end of the year. Ms. Premutati said that to avoid sending out 1099's to everyone, the District is looking at applying the credit to customer's accounts. She stated that the District has looked at several other agencies and this is what they are doing now. Ms. Premutati commented that before this goes into place, it will have to go before the Board for approval.

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

Mr. Lord reviewed the production and consumption data with the Commissioners. There was a request to make the legends on the charts bigger so they would be easier to read.

6. Receive Update on Board/District Activities:

Director Shriner updated the Commission on activities the Board of Directors is currently involved in. She said that the District recently held a groundbreaking ceremony for the Regional Urban Water Augmentation Project. Director Shriner stated that the Board approved submitting an annexation to LAFCO for the Ord Community. She also stated that the Prop. 218 process was underway and the public hearing was scheduled for March 12th.

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7. Receive Comments from Commission Members:

Chair Clark thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and reminded everyone to call in if they are going to be absent for future meetings.

8. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.