

Draft Minutes
Water Conservation Commission

June 7, 2018

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, David Brown, Jim Felton, Bethany Taylor (arrived at 5:37 p.m.), Jan Shriner (arrived at 5:47 p.m.), and Efrem Valentin (arrived at 6:12 p.m.) were present. Jason Montgomery was absent. Paul Lord and Paula Riso were present from staff.

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

There were no public comments.

3. Action Item:

A. Approve the May 3, 2018 Meeting Minutes:

Commissioner Felton made a motion to approve the May 3, 2018 minutes. Vice Chair Eskridge seconded the motion. With a vote of 3-Ayes, 0-Noes, 2-Abstained (Brown, Coppernoll), 4-Absent (Taylor, Shriner, Valentin, Montgomery), the motion was passed.

4. Staff Reports:

A. Review Commissioner Ranking of 2018 WCC Goals and Objectives:

Mr. Lord introduced this item explaining that he separated the items that are directives from the Board from the ones that were suggested by the Commissioners. He reviewed the rankings of the Board directives and goals/objectives from the input received from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Taylor arrived at 5:37 p.m.

Mr. Lord stated that by ranking the goals/objectives it helps staff to prioritize what to bring before the Commission for discussion.

B. Receive a Verbal Report on the May 10th WCC Working Group Meeting:

Mr. Lord stated that the working group discussed the current budget for landscape incentives.

Director Shriner arrived at 5:47 p.m.

They also discussed keeping the incentive for conversion of sprinklers to drip and allowing customers to choose either a lawn replacement incentive or sprinkler incentive, not combining both incentives. Mr. Lord said they also discussed lawn sprinkler zones be replaced with drip irrigation or removed. Other topics were the number of trees and shrubs required when replacing turf; and increasing the maximum rebate to \$10,000 for commercial, institutional, industrial, and multi-family accounts, and \$5,000 for single-family accounts.

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

Mr. Lord handed out new charts showing GPCD, Water Production, and Water Consumption Data through May 31st. Director Shriner pointed out that the number of meters has increased and the water consumption has stayed low, of which part of the meter increase is because the District is metering previously unmetered Army housing. Mr. Lord commented that it could be due to the estimated water use of the unmetered accounts, and now that they are metered, it is shown that they are consuming much less than previously thought.

D. Receive an Update of Recent Public Events Attached:

Mr. Lord introduced this item and showed pictures of the events. He talked about the Rain Bird irrigation training event: the earth day events: the Last Chance Mercantile Organic Plant and Compost Sale event: and, the Kids Celebration Day event.

Commissioner Valentin arrived at 6:12 p.m.

5. Receive Update on Board/District Activities:

Director Shriner updated the Commission on activities the Board of Directors is currently involved in. She said the MCWD Groundwater Sustainable Agency just received a \$1 million grant and the loan for the RUWAP pipeline was received from the State. Director Shriner noted that the District was moving forward with annexation of the Ord Community. She also said that the District Budget was going back to FORA for another vote. Director Shriner shared the good news that the District and CSUMB recently signed an agreement that was in limbo for twelve years. Director Shriner stated that the Executive Committee recently talked about the effectiveness and efficiency of the Water Conservation Commission and discussed ways to make it more efficient. Possibly even reducing the number of seats to five members and making the meeting more formal. Director Shriner stated that the Board would be discussing this idea at the July Board meeting.

6. Receive Comments from Commission Members:

Councilmember Brown thanked Chair Clark for running an efficient meeting. Director Shriner shared some information on rain barrel catchment. Vice Chair Eskridge commented that the Governor passed a law limiting people to 55 gallons of water per day by 2021 and 50 gallons by 2031. Commissioner Valentin stated that he enjoyed the Children's Birthday event.

7. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.