

Minutes
Water Conservation Commission
April 2, 2015

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Commission members Grace Silva-Santella, Jim Felton (arrived at 5:32 p.m.), Charlie Eskridge, Peter Le, David Brown, Bethany Taylor and Audie Robinson were present. JoAnn Cannon was absent (Commissioner Cannon notified staff that she would be unable to attend the meeting). James Derbin, Paul Lord, Thomas Barkhurst, and Paula Riso were present from staff.

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

None.

3. Approve the March 5, 2015 Meeting Minutes:

Commissioner Eskridge made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion. With a vote of 5 Ayes, 0-Noes, 1-Abstained (Brown), 2-Absent (Felton, Cannon), the motion was passed.

Vice Chair Felton arrived at 5:32 p.m.

4. Action to Consider Recommending for Approval by the Board of Directors the 2014 Consumer Confidence Report for the Marina Coast Water District Water System, Central Marina and Ord Community:

Mr. Barkhurst introduced this item. The Commission asked clarifying questions regarding testing for contaminants, odor control and well production.

Following discussion, Councilmember Brown made a motion to recommend for approval by the Board of Directors the 2014 Consumer Confidence Report for the Marina Coast Water District Water System, Central Marina and Ord Community. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion. With a vote of 7-Ayes, 0-Noes, 1-Absent (Cannon), the motion was passed.

5. Review the Draft FY 2015-2016 Conservation Budget:

Mr. Lord briefly reviewed the draft conservation budget with the Commission and explained the proposed changes/increases. Chair Silva-Santella asked when the draft budget would come before the Commission again. Mr. Lord answered that the budget would be brought back in May for further review.

6. Receive Information Regarding the State Water Board Expanding and Extending Emergency Water Conservation Regulations:

Mr. Lord updated the Commission on the new regulations required by the State Water Resources Control Board. He explained that the District is already enforcing those new regulations.

Mr. Lord explained that the Governor is now requiring a 25% reduction from the District's overall 2013 water usage. He explained that because the District is already achieving a pretty good reduction in water use, the goal should be easily attainable. Discussion was held regarding golf courses. Mr. Lord stated that this item would be brought back in May with an update on the latest information.

7. Update on Approval of Additional Water Conservation Specialist Position:

Mr. Lord stated that the Board approved new job descriptions and included an additional position in the conservation department. Mr. Derbin explained that the District will be looking to fill the position in the next fiscal year.

8. Update on the In-School Water Conservation Education Program:

Mr. Lord gave a brief update on the Water Conservation Education Program. He then gave the Commission a brief presentation on the District's website and the new in-school education page that features many programs for school-age children.

9. Review and Propose Agenda Items for the May 7, 2015 WCC Meeting and Future Meetings:

The Commission discussed future agenda items and agreed to the following items for April: 1) quarterly water production and consumption report; 2) receive an update on the State Emergency Regulations regarding the drought; 3) review, evaluate, and propose improvements to the high-efficiency toilet rebate program; 4) receive an update regarding the In-school Water Science/Conservation Education program; 5) review the proposed 2015-2016 conservation budget.

Chair Silva-Santella requested a presentation on reclamation projects in the near future. Director Le asked for a list showing the events that the District's conservation department was going to be participating in.

10. Receive Update on Board/District Activities:

Director Le gave a brief update on what action the Board took at their last meeting.

11. Receive Comments from Commission Members:

No comments.

12. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.