

Minutes
Water Conservation Commission

January 4, 2018

1. Call to Order/Introduction:

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. Commission members Phil Clark, Jan Shriner, Charlie Eskridge, Margaret-Anne Coppernoll, Jim Felton, Jason Montgomery, and Efrem Valentin were present. David Brown, and Bethany Taylor were absent. Paul Lord, Jean Premutati, and Paula Riso were present from staff. Julie Haws was present from the public.

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

Ms. Julie Haws, Los Arboles Middle School, thanked staff and the Commission for their help in the garden area at Los Arboles Middle School. She said that the knowledge and information they shared was very appreciated by school staff and students.

3. Action Items:

A. Approve the December 7, 2017 Meeting Minutes:

Commissioner Coppernoll made a motion to approve the December 7, 2017 minutes. Director Shriner seconded the motion. With a vote of 5-Ayes, 0-Noes, 2-Abstained (Montgomery, Eskridge), 2-Absent (Brown, Taylor), the motion was passed.

4. Staff Reports:

A. Receive an Update on Rebate/Incentive Expenditures Year-to-Date:

Mr. Lord reviewed the rebate and incentive expenditures spent to date on the HE Toilets, HE Clothes Washers, Landscape Incentives, and Hot Water Recirculation Pump Incentives. He noted that the expenditures are all within budget and comparable with previous years. Discussion followed. Director Shriner asked that they look at how many units of water is saved with each rebate/incentive program to see which ones are the most efficient.

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

Mr. Lord reviewed the production and consumption data and noted that the trend is changing from the last several years and there was an increase in hydrant meter water use. There was discussion on current trends and what is causing them.

5. Workshop:

The Commission was asked to brainstorm on goals for 2018 and discuss how to rank them in order of importance. Mr. Lord reviewed that goals required by the Board, goals from 2017 that are still ongoing, and asked Commissioners to offer any other goals they would like to see for 2018. There was much discussion with several goals being discussed: Smart Apps for phones; Turf water use comparisons; outreach materials for teens; rebate expenses vs water savings; and, consumption rates of hotels/motels. In February, the Commission will look into more detail on the goals.

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 Board received their Committee assignments for 2018 and gave a brief update on things the Rate Study is looking at. Director Shriner also stated that the Board is working on the Annexation of the Ord Community and shared some of the details. She said that the Annexation information is available on the District website. Director Shriner commented on the article published by the Monterey Herald regarding the District's lawsuits.

7. Receive Comments from Commission Members:

Commissioner Coppernoll commented that everyone needs to keep supporting MCWD every chance they get.

8. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.