

Draft Minutes
Water Conservation Commission
April 7, 2011

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Commission members Bill Lee, Dan Amadeo, Jim Ford, Steven Reeves, Richard Newhouse, and Ruth Krotzer, were present. Rich Youngblood, Thomas Barkhurst, and Paula Riso were present from staff. Commission members Bob Brown and Jay Tulley were absent.

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

There were no comments.

3. Approve the Draft March 3, 2011 Minutes:

On motion by Commissioner Krotzer, seconded by Commissioner Lee, the draft March 3, 2011 minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Consider Recommending the Appointment of Harold Krotzer to the Water Conservation Commission to the Board of Directors:

Mr. Youngblood commented that an application was received from Harold Krotzer for the Commission to review. The application would be forwarded to the Board of Directors on April 12th for their consideration.

5. Consider Recommending for Approval by the Board of Directors the 2010 Consumer Confidence Report for the Marina Coast Water District Water System, Central Marina and Ord Community:

Mr. Barkhurst explained the information provided in the 2010 Consumer Confidence Report. He explained how the District performs lead and copper testing and reviewed the different water quality tests the District performs on contaminants. The Commission asked several clarifying questions. Mr. Youngblood stated that the 2010 Consumer Confidence Report will be presented for consideration to the Board of Directors at the next Board meeting.

6. Receive an Update on the Public Information Program:

Mr. Youngblood reviewed the upcoming Public Information Program activities. Over the next several months, MCWD staff will have a conservation booth and participate in CSUMB Earth Day, Marina Earth Day, Marina Festival of the Winds, Marina Garden Tour, and Water Awareness Day.

7. Receive a Report on Engage 360.com:

Mr. Youngblood explained that the California Long-Term Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan recognized the connection between moving water and energy use. The Engage 360 website was created by the California Public Utilities Commission and the state's four largest investor owned utilities to increase customer awareness and participation in demand-side management activities. Customers are able to search the site by city or zip code to see what rebate programs available in their area.

8. Receive Update on Board/District Activities:

Commissioner Lee commented that, due to the recent retirement of several employees, the Board was able to give the remaining employees a slight raise. The workload will be dispensed among the remaining employees. Commissioner Lee stated that parking lot lights were installed at the Ord office. He stated that the District is installing several wells; one well is being drilled out near the East Garrison development and the other is near Watkins Gate in the Ord area.

9. Receive Comments from Commission Members:

Commissioner Newhouse commented that he will regretfully have to resign due to other commitment restraints and this is the last meeting he will be able to attend.

Commissioner Amadeo commented that on April 13th at 6:00 pm, the Army is hosting a Community Involvement Forum Workshop at the Marina library and water is on the agenda for discussion.

10. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm.