

Draft Minutes  
Water Conservation Commission  
September 1, 2011

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Commission members Bill Lee, Jim Ford, Dan Amadeo, Harold Krotzer, and Ruth Krotzer, were present. Paul Lord, Carl Niizawa, and Paula Riso were present from staff. CSUMB and the US Army are in the process of appointing new members and are not being represented at this time.

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

Mr. Lord introduced Ms. Mary Linzer, Science Education Teacher, to the Commission.

3. Election of Chair:

Commissioner Amadeo nominated Commissioner Ford to the position of Chair. Commissioner Harold Krotzer seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Ford asked to have election of a Vice Chair on next month's agenda.

4. Approve the Draft August 4, 2011 Minutes:

On motion by Commissioner Amadeo, seconded by Commissioner Ruth Krotzer, the draft August 4, 2011 minutes were approved unanimously.

5. Receive Presentation on the 2011-12 In-School Education Program:

Mr. Lord introduced this item and reviewed the history of the In-School Education Program. Commissioner Harold Krotzer questioned if there was any way the District could go directly to the schools and schedule the in-school education classes for a multiple year contract, without using the Education Coordinator, as a way of cutting costs. Mr. Lord commented that although the program is running smoothly now, it hasn't always been so and Mr. Allen has been of extreme help in getting the program in the schools. Ms. Linzer added that Principals change and sometimes it can be difficult getting a new Principal to see the benefits of the program. Commissioner Harold Krotzer asked to look at ways of cutting back on costs during the recession.

Mr. Lord said that the children also have assemblies with a musical group called Zun-Zun who performs at each of the five schools. Commissioners Harold Krotzer and Ruth Krotzer voiced their concern over the cost of this program. Mr. Lord stated that sometimes when the size of the school group is too large, Zun-Zun has to perform two assemblies to cover that school. Commissioner Lee commented that the cost was about thirty-five cents a year per ratepayer for the Zun-Zun performance. Commissioner Lee noted that the State mandates the District do certain conservation activities throughout the year and this program satisfies part of that at a low cost to the ratepayer.

Ms. Linzer gave a presentation of the programs and experiments she does with the Kindergarten through Third Grade students.

The Commission took a break from 6:23-6:28 pm.

6. Receive Staff Report on High Efficiency Toilet and Clothes Washer Rebate Program Statistics for 2010:

Mr. Lord gave a presentation on the rebate programs for 2010. He explained that the toilet rebates exceeded the expectations and budgeted expenditures by 16% with a majority of those being from Central Marina.

Mr. Lord noted that the high-efficiency washer rebates exceeded expectations and budgeted expenditures by 4% with a majority of those being from the Ord Community.

7. Review Proposed and Suggested Agenda Items for October 6, 2011 and Future Dates:

Mr. Lord noted that Mr. Heitzman would be at the October meeting to give an update on the Regional Desalination Project. He said that the Fall Newsletter would also be on the agenda. Mr. Lord said that he may bring some statistics on water use to the October meeting for discussion. Commissioner Amadeo commented he would like to see statistics on how much of a household's water is used in landscaping and possible line loss. He said that he would like to see a fact sheet of simple water facts.

Commissioner Amadeo noted that the Election of a Vice Chair needs to be on the agenda for October.

8. Receive Update on Board/District Activities:

Commissioner Lee stated that two seats on the District Board will be up for election in November 2012. He gave an update of the water activities the District is working on.

9. Receive Comments from Commission Members:

Commissioner Ruth Krotzer commented that she met a District employee while he was jetting the sewer line in front of her house and he was very informative.

10. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm.