

Draft Minutes  
Water Conservation Commission  
October 6, 2011

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. Commission members Dan Burns, Jim Ford, Dan Amadeo, Harold Krotzer, and Ruth Krotzer, were present. Paul Lord, Carl Niizawa, Brian True, Jim Heitzman, 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. Diem Pham, CSUMB student was present from the public.

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

Mr. Brian True introduced himself stating that he had been asked to help Mr. Lord with this Commission.

3. Election of Vice Chair:

Commissioner Harold Krotzer made a motion to nominate Commissioner Amadeo to the position of Vice Chair. Commissioner Ruth Krotzer seconded the motion. Commissioner Amadeo mentioned that his tenure on the Commission was up in November. The motion was passed with Commissioner Amadeo abstaining.

4. Approve the Draft September 1, 2011 Minutes:

On motion by Commissioner Amadeo, seconded by Commissioner Ruth Krotzer, the draft September 1, 2011 minutes were approved with Commissioner Burns abstaining.

5. Receive Presentation on the Regional Desalination Project:

Mr. Heitzman introduced this item and noted that the California American Water Company was putting on a presentation on October 26<sup>th</sup> at the Monterey Conference Center. He said the presentation was on a cost analysis and/or feasibility analysis on the 11 alternatives to the Regional Desalination Project. Mr. Heitzman stated that the District Board would be looking at providing direction to form an Operations and Maintenance Committee for the Regional Desalination Project at the next Board meeting. He stated that at this time, the committee details were unclear and need to be worked out, but there were several parties interested in helping to form the committee.

Mr. Heitzman stated that the State Revolving Fund people have informed the District that the interest rate on the money would be 2.4% and they are very interested in helping to get the loan approved. He said that the Coastal Commission denied allowing a test slant well on the District's property, but there is hope to return to the Coastal Commission in December.

Mr. Heitzman commented that Santa Clara Water is building a 10 million gallon per day reverse osmosis desal plant, and he noted that they aren't getting the attention that this project is getting. He listed several other areas in California that are building much larger desal plant and commented that they aren't getting the opposition that this project is either.

Mr. Heitzman commented that the District is looking at an agreement with the Defense Language Institute and the Naval Post Graduate School as they don't have enough water and are threatening to leave the area. He explained that they, along with the hospitality industry are vital to the Peninsula. Mr. Heitzman stated that FORA is taking the lead on this.

Mr. Heitzman provided copies of the Water Supply Analysis prepared by RBF Consulting that California America would be presenting at their October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr. Heitzman went over the cost of desalination plants and the differences around the world.

6. Review the Winter 2011 Water-wise Newsletter:

Mr. Lord reviewed the articles in the newsletter. There was discussion on how to include more articles by reducing font, or removing the Mission Statement from the newsletter. Mr. Lord described how the newsletter was distributed to customer and the public.

7. Review, Consider, and Discuss the Water Conservation Commission Scope of Duties, Responsibilities, and Procedures:

Mr. True discussed this item explaining that the Board of Directors directed that the Commission review and discuss the scope of duties, responsibilities and procedures. Mr. True commented that the role of the Commission is to advise the Board of Directors and suggested that Best Management Practices (BMP's) might be a good place to start.

Commissioner Burns commented that he was concerned with the turnover in the Commission membership and the cost to advertise replacement of those members. He said he would like to look at ways of advertising the vacancies for less money, how long a membership should last and the qualifications for getting on the Commission. Commissioner Burns stated that he believed if someone wanted to volunteer and applied to the Commission, they should be allowed to join on a first come first served basis with no background requirements.

The Commission asked to see a copy of the State mandates on conservation and BMP's. Commissioner Harold Krotzer suggested putting together a pamphlet on the BMP's to hand out to interested people.

8. Receive Update on Board/District Activities:

Commissioner Burns stated that the General Manager updated everyone on the Regional Desalination Project. He said that the Board of Directors has been participating in Strategic Planning workshops. Mr. Niizawa said the Board approved District staff to move forward on the application to annex the former Fort Ord. Commissioner Burns added that the rate increase for the Ord Community was finally adopted.

9. Consider Proposed Agenda Items for November 3, 2011 and Future Dates:

There was discussion on filling vacant staff positions, and graywater systems. Mr. Lord stated that the Commission already visited a graywater system at a local home and they would get Commissioner Burns more information. Mr. True stated that they would continue discussing the scope and roles of the Commission at the next meeting along with the BMP's and how they fit in the Urban Water Management Plan.

10. Receive Comments from Commission Members:

Commissioner Harold Krotzer commented that after the last rain, it poked holes in the roof of his greenhouse and it allowed the water that had collected on top to drip down and water his plants.

10. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm.