

Draft Minutes
Water Conservation Commission
April 5, 2012

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Commission members Dan Amadeo, Harold Krotzer, Jan Shriner and Ruth Krotzer, were present. James Derbin, Brian True and Paul Lord were present from staff. CSUMB and the US Army were not represented at this time. Carroll Meuse, Tom Jennings, and two CSUMB students were present from the public.

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

Commissioner Harold Krotzer commented that his qualifications had not been attached to his application when he applied for this Commission which was why Director Shriner had not seen them.

3. Approve the Draft March 1, 2012 Minutes:

Commissioner Harold Krotzer made a motion to approve the draft March 1, 2012 minutes as written. Director Shriner seconded the motion. The draft March 1, 2012 minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Consider Appointment to the Water Conservation Commission:

Mr. True introduced this item. Commissioner Amadeo asked Mr. Jennings if he wanted to offer any other information regarding his application to the Commission. Mr. Jennings commented that he had a lot of Board experience. Director Shriner asked if any of Mr. Jennings' Board experience had been water or conservation related. Mr. Jennings answered that they had been mostly PTA associated. Commissioner Krotzer reminded the Commission that water experience was not a requirement for Commission membership. Director Shriner stated that the criteria had not been determined yet. Director Shriner asked Mr. Jennings what his interest and goals were. Mr. Jennings answered that he was interested in conservation and continuing on the path to conservation.

Commissioner Ruth Krotzer made a motion to recommend the appointment of Mr. Jennings to the Board of Directors. Commissioner Harold Krotzer seconded the motion. The motion was passed with 3-Ayes, 1-Absent, and 1-Abstention.

5. Consider Recommending Approval by the Board of Directors of the MCWD 2011 Consumer Confidence Report for the Marina Coast Water District Water System:

The Commission members asked some clarifying questions regarding water quality and District Wells.

Commissioner Ruth Krotzer made a motion to recommend forwarding this item to the Board of Directors for approval. Commissioner Amadeo seconded the motion. The motion was passed with 3-Ayes, 1-Absent, and 1-Abstention.

6. Consider the Water Conservation Commission Scope of Duties and Responsibilities:

Mr. True introduced this item. Director Shriner asked if it was mandated to have the representative positions on the Commission. Mr. Lord answered that the Best Management Practices (BMP's) require public involvement in the Commission. The Commission discussed the scope of duties and what requirements the Commission should have. They decided to discuss it more fully under agenda item 7.

Director Shriner questioned if this should be an Ad Hoc Committee and meet annually to review the BMP's. She also noted that none of the Commissioners have taken Brown Act training. Commissioner Amadeo asked that Mr. True find out what, if any, training the Commission members should have with regards to the Brown Act or Ethics Training. Discussion followed on the need for training and the purpose of the Commission. Director Shriner commented that the Commission has a vague purpose and it leads to people wondering what is being done in the meetings. She said that an Ad Hoc Committee would be created annually to simply look at the BMP's. Mr. Lord answered that going over the BMP's in one meeting would be overwhelming. He said that spreading them over twelve months allows more time to discuss the BMP's in depth.

7. Review, Consider, and Discuss Revisions to the Procedures of the Water Conservation Commission:

Mr. True introduced this item. He went over the proposed changes to the Commission's Procedures. Commissioner Amadeo suggested adding Review of BMP's as item g to the duties as listed in the Board Procedures Manual.

Commissioner Amadeo made a motion to accept the current changes as proposed in the packet. Commissioner Harold Krotzer seconded the motion. The motion was passed with 3-Ayes, 1-Absent, and 1-Abstention.

8. Discuss the MCWD Reorganization and Resulting Impacts on the Conservation Program, the WCC, and BMP Implementation:

Mr. True introduced this item. Commissioner Amadeo voiced his concern over the termination of the Conservation Department now that the Conservation Specialist reports to the Operations and Maintenance Superintendent. He questioned the impact on the conservation program if there isn't an individual focused on conservation. The Commission reviewed the draft Conservation Budget for 2012/2013 and discussed the areas where budget cuts were made.

9. Review Proposed and Suggested Agenda Items for May 3, 2012 and Future Dates:

The Commission agreed that the staff-planned items for May 3rd were the most important and should go forward with the exception of the Landscaping item. Commissioner Amadeo asked that Director Shriner send the link for the United Nations World Water Day to Ms. Riso for distribution to the Commissioners.

10. Receive Update on Board/District Activities:

Director Shriner commented that the Board is working on the FY 2012/2013 Draft Budget. She commented that the District will be transferring \$2.3 Million from reserves to make sure it has a balanced budget. Director Shriner commented that there is a 5-year Capital Improvements Plan that lists projects which include funds to a Regional Desal Project and a \$23 Million pipeline to connect to it.

11. Receive Comments from Commission Members:

Commissioner Harold Krotzer commented that there were two CSUMB students present for the meeting and noted that there was a vacancy on the Commission. Director Shriner asked staff to look into how the representatives were selected for the Commission. Commissioner Amadeo suggested staff send a letter or email to the Army and CSUMB asking them to consider sending someone to attend the meetings. Mr. True answered that there was response from the Army and that the Board of Directors has recommended eliminating the two positions.

One of the CSUMB students suggested opening the positions to CSUMB students as there could be many who are interested.

12. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.