

Minutes
Water Conservation Commission
June 7, 2012

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM. Commission members Jim Ford, Dan Amadeo, Ruth Krotzer, Harold Krotzer, Carroll Meuse, Tom Jennings, and alternate Dan Burns were present. James Derbin, Brian True and Paul Lord were present from staff. Ron Allen was present. CSUMB and the US Army did not send a representative to attend this meeting.

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

There were no comments.

3. Approve the Draft May 3, 2012 Minutes:

Commissioner Amadeo made a motion to approve the draft May 3, 2012 minutes as written. The draft May 3, 2012 minutes were approved unanimously with Director Dan Burns abstaining.

Mr. True suggested moving to agenda item 5 as Mr. Allen was present to answer any questions from the Commission.

5. Consider Recommending Board Approval for a Professional Services Agreement with Mr. Ron Allen to Provide Consultant Services for the Water Conservation Education Program:

Mr. Lord introduced this item and reviewed the services and duties performed by Mr. Allen. Commissioner Harold Krotzer noted that the program had been going on for eleven years and asked Mr. Allen to give a background of how it all started. Mr. Allen briefly went over the program, how it started, and where it is at today. The Commission asked several clarifying questions and Commissioner Harold Krotzer, noting the success of the program, asked if it would be more efficient for Mr. Allen to facilitate the signing of a MOU between the school district and the water district every three years as opposed to every year. Further discussion on this item deemed that the MOU for this program needs to be done on an annual basis. Commissioner Amadeo questioned the deliverable product for this program. Mr. Lord answered that there was recent discussion regarding a deliverable and he noted that progress reports are submitted routinely to District staff. Mr. Lord stated that he will look into putting a number of deliverables into Mr. Allen's contract.

Commissioner Jennings made a motion to recommend forwarding the Professional Services Agreement with Mr. Ron Allen to the District Board for approval. Commissioner Harold Krotzer seconded the motion. The motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

4. Consider the Water Conservation Commission Scope of Duties and Responsibilities and Recommending to the MCWD Board the Resulting Modifications to the WCC Procedures and Board Procedures Manual:

Mr. True introduced this item explaining that the Board would be considering modifications to the Army and CSUMB representative positions on this Commission at their next meeting. He reviewed with the Commission the changes made so far to the scope of duties and responsibilities. Commissioner Amadeo asked if Director Burns felt the language was specific enough for what the Board was looking for. Director Burns commented that he wasn't sure what the other Directors were thinking regarding this Commission, but he felt that there should be fewer members, between 3 and 5, and they should meet quarterly. Discussion on public representation followed. Director Burns voiced his concerns over the meetings lasting until 7:00 pm and stated that he would like to see the Commission meet with a purpose and not just to meet. Commissioner Harold Krotzer stated that he found the information received at these meetings to be very enlightening and informative. Commissioner Ruth Krotzer stated that she appreciates the background information she received from this Commission. Commissioner Jennings stated that as a Commissioner, the monthly information they receive is educational for the Commissioners and helps them know what is going on with the District so they can make more informed recommendations to the Board.

Commissioner Amadeo made a motion to forward the modifications to the WCC Procedures and Board Procedures Manual to the Board for consideration. Commissioner Harold Krotzer seconded the motion. The motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Amadeo inquired if this item would be brought back to the Commission after the Board makes their decision. Director Burns stated that it depended on the direction from the Board, but he anticipates that only the membership would be considered by the Board.

6. Review Proposed and Suggested Agenda Items for July 5, 2012 and Future Dates:

Mr. True commented that following the Board decision, the Commission representation would be brought back as an information item. Mr. True noted that the next meeting was scheduled the day after a national holiday and asked if it was prudent to hold the meeting or wait until the next month.

Chair Ford made a motion to skip the July meeting and hold the next meeting in August. Commissioner Harold Krotzer seconded the motion. Mr. Lord commented that he had the MOU with the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District to discuss in July. There was discussion if the MOU could wait until August. It was decided that the MOU would go directly to the Board for consideration and to not hold the July meeting.

Commissioner Ruth Krotzer asked to have Mary Linzer attend the August meeting to give a presentation of her curriculum for the Education Program.

Agenda Item 6 (continued):

Mr. True clarified that finalizing the scope of duties and responsibilities of the Commission; a review of the MOU; and, a presentation by Mary Linzer will be on the August agenda.

7. Receive Update on Board/District Activities:

Director Burns updated the Commission on the recent CPUC proceedings and the Ag Land Trust lawsuit against the District.

8. Receive Comments from Commission Members:

Commissioner Ruth Krotzer commented that she went door-to-door sharing the Water Wise newsletter and rebate information with her neighbors.

9. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 PM.