

Minutes
Water Conservation Commission
August 2, 2012

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM. Commission members Jim Ford, Dan Amadeo, Ruth Krotzer, Carroll Meuse, Tom Jennings, and Jan Shriner were present. Commission Member Harold Krotzer was absent. James Derbin, Brian True, Paul Lord, and Paula Riso were present from staff.

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

There were no comments.

3. Approve the Draft June 7, 2012 Minutes:

Commissioner Amadeo made a motion to approve the draft minutes. Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion. Commissioner Amadeo asked if the deliverables were added to Mr. Allen's contract as discussed on page 1 of the minutes. Mr. Lord answered that they were added. The motion was passed with 5-ayes and 1-abstention (Director Shriner).

4. Consider Recommending to the Board of Directors the Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Marina Coast Water District and the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District Regarding the In-School Water Conservation Education Program:

Mr. Lord introduced this item. Commissioner Ruth Krotzer asked if Ms. Linzer would give a presentation to the Commission. Mr. Lord answered that Ms. Linzer would give a presentation later during the school year. Mr. Lord commented that \$2,500 was added to this year's budget to allow for additional teaching hours; and \$1,000 was added for materials.

Commissioner Jennings made a motion to recommend moving this item forward to the Board of Directors for consideration and approval. Commissioner Ruth Krotzer seconded the motion. The motion was passed with 5-ayes and 1-abstention (Director Shriner).

5. 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 and reviewed the proposed changes. Commissioner Amadeo asked for verification that the Committee was going to continue to meet monthly. Mr. True answered that they would continue to meet monthly.

Director Shriner asked about advertising Commission vacancies in the information section of District bills. Mr. True answered that advertising vacancies in District billing is cost effective, reaches a broad spectrum of people, and will be done routinely by staff.

Agenda Item 5 (continued):

Director Shriner suggested, regarding section 1.E. of the WCC Procedures, designating a public position for someone who lives in the Ord Community. Commissioner Ford commented that the public positions are at large and any Ord Community resident is eligible. Commissioner Amadeo suggested that an Ord Community designated position could be taken to the Board of Directors for consideration. Rather than that, Mr. True suggested that the current draft verbiage be modified to "...the Commission achieves Water Conservation Commission representation to the broadest constituency" so that any person who represents some constituency not currently represented by the Commission membership could be favored. The Commissioners agreed to that modified language.

Director Shriner suggested adding language "no consideration of previous experience is necessary" to Section 2B of the Water Conservation Procedures. Commissioner Jennings stated that the phrase might be better served under Section 1D. The Commission agreed to recommend that "no specific water or conservation experience is required to be recommended to serve on this commission". Mr. Derbin stated that the proposed Section 1B reads, "Any person residing within the District's service area (either annexed or served by contract) is eligible to volunteer for service on the Water Conservation Commission." Mr. Derbin said that the phrase was all inclusive and would cover anyone without any water or conservation experience. The Commission agreed that they did not need to include the specific language as proposed by Director Shriner.

Director Shriner asked if an applicant needed to be a registered voter or U.S. citizen. The consensus was that they only needed to reside in the District's service area.

Director Shriner asked about Section D3a and suggested adding that missing a meeting due to work was excusable. The Commission discussed the idea of adding work as a legitimate excuse and it was decided that it wasn't necessary and should be self-policing.

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

Commissioner Amadeo asked if the Commercial BMP would be on the agenda. Mr. True answered that it would. Mr. Lord added that he would be attending some public events and would give an update in September. Commissioner Amadeo asked if rain catchment and landscape incentive rebate programs would be discussed soon so that they could be included in the next budgeting process.

Director Shriner asked if Ms. Linzer would be at the September meeting. Mr. Lord answered that it would depend on when Ms. Linzer was available, but hoped that she would be giving a presentation in the near future.

7. Receive Update on Board/District Activities:

Director Shriener updated the Commission on the LAFCO Annexation process; the District Procurement Policy; Blanket Purchase Orders; variance requests recently made to the District and how staff was looking into different ways multiple meters could be handled.

Director Shriener added that the FORA Board was discussing the District budget.

8. Receive Comments from Commission Members:

Commissioner Ruth Krotzer commented that she hoped to see Mr. Lord at the National Night Out.

9. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 PM.