

Minutes
Water Conservation Commission
September 6, 2012

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. Commission members Jim Ford, Dan Amadeo, Ruth Krotzer, Harold Krotzer, Carroll Meuse, Tom Jennings, and Jan Shriner were present. 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 August 2, 2012 Minutes:

Mr. True commented that he would like to make a slight change to page 2 of the minutes. He would like to change the word “inconclusive” to “inclusive”. Mr. True also said that he would add some language to reflect more of the discussion that took place on August 2nd. He would like to add that when there are two or more applicants, preference would be given to the applicant who provided the broadest representation. Commissioner Jennings made a motion to approve the draft minutes. Commissioner Ruth Krotzer seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

4. Receive a Report Regarding Recent Public Outreach Events:

Mr. Lord gave a brief presentation on recent public outreach events. He shared information about the Water Awareness Committee’s participation at the Monterey County Fair and the valuable information that was available to the public.

5. Receive a Report Regarding Commercial Accounts and BMP Implementation:

Mr. Lord reviewed BMP #4, Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional BMP with the Commission and discussed the proposed water use reduction to take place by 2020. Mr. Lord stated that along with achieving the water saving goal, the District has to implement and document the water conservation measures that helped reach the goal. There was discussion on how to get credit for water savings that may not be documented and ways to increase water savings.

Commissioner Amadeo suggested moving to agenda item 8 since Director Shriner had to leave at 6:00 p.m.

8. Receive Update on Board/District Activities:

Director Shriner commented that the next Board meeting is Tuesday, September 11th. She said that at the last Board meeting, she had questions on an RMC invoice and an Evans Group International invoice and was waiting for answers regarding those invoices. Director Shriner commented that the Ord Budget still has not been passed by the FORA Board.

Agenda Item 8 (continued):

Director Shriner invited everyone to attend the Board meeting and ask questions if they have any.

Director Shriner left the meeting at 6:01 pm.

The Commission returned to item 5.

5. Receive a Report Regarding Commercial Accounts and BMP Implementation:

Commissioner Amadeo asked a few clarifying questions regarding reaching the proposed Governor's goals of 20% water savings by 2020. Mr. Lord answered that the goals they were talking about are the requirements within the MOU of the California Urban Water Conservation Counsel who is a group the District participates with to help achieve the Governor's goal.

Commissioner Ford commented that this item was not going to be solved during this meeting and suggested bringing it back later for more discussion.

Commissioner Amadeo made a motion to bring this item back to the next meeting with clarification on:

- A. the Commercial account chart
- B. CSUMB's role in saving water
- C. What is the impact on achieving or not achieving the 45 acre feet in this category vs. the state mandate to reduce total usage per capita by 20%. Commissioner Amadeo commented that CSUMB is the biggest commercial user.

Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. This item will be brought back for clarification at the next meeting.

Commissioner Ford suggested a joint meeting with CSUMB and the District to discuss the installation of water saving appliances.

6. 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. There was discussion on the proposed item 1E to the Water Conservation Commission Procedures. It was agreed to change the language to read, "...will be the person(s) that achieves Water Conservation Commission representation to the broadest constituency..." Commissioner Amadeo suggested adding review of the budget to the Procedures as they are notated in the Board Procedures Manual. He also suggested reviewing both documents to make sure the duties are similarly noted.

7. Review Proposed and Suggested Agenda Items for October 4, 2012 and Future Dates:

Commissioner Ford suggested bringing back the Scope of Duties for a final look. He also noted that the Commercial Accounts and BMP Implementation would be brought back.

9. Receive Comments from Commission Members:

Commissioner Amadeo commented that on October 13th from 10:00 – 11:30 am a debate for the candidates running for the water board will be held in the Marina Council chambers.

Commissioner Ruth Krotzer stated that on August 7th, Marina held a National Night Out get together at the Seacrest Plaza and she and Commissioner Harold Krotzer handed out conservation information while helping out in the Neighborhood Watch booth.

10. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.