

Draft Minutes
Water Conservation Commission
November 15, 2012

1. Call to Order:

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

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

No comments were made.

3. Approve the Draft October 4, 2012 Minutes:

Commissioner Amadeo made a motion to approve the draft minutes. Commissioner Meuse seconded the motion. The motion was passed with 6-Ayes and 1-Absent (Shriner).

4. Presentation by MPUSD's Water Science/Conservation Teacher, Ms. Mary Linzer:

Mr. Lord introduced Ms. Mary Linzer to the Commission. Ms. Linzer gave a demonstration of the program she uses in the classroom to teach elementary students in the District's service area. The Commissioners were encouraged to participate in the demonstration so that they could experience what the children are taught in the classroom. Commissioner Amadeo thanked Ms. Linzer for the demonstration.

5. Receive an Update on the Results of the MCWD Board's Consideration of the Commissioners Recommendations for Modifications to the WCC Procedures and Board Procedures Manual:

Mr. True explained that the MWD Board accepted that recommended modifications with one deletion under excused absence – family illness. The Board requested that the excused absence for the Commission mirror that of the Board. Mr. True stated that the Procedures now read, "A good reason for failing to attend a Commission meeting is: a personal illness, or being absent from the state with the permission being required by law (in accordance with Government Code Section 1770)". Commissioner Amadeo asked that all the members receive a copy of the final WCC Procedures. Ms. Riso stated that she would provide it to the Commission members. Commissioner Harold Krotzer asked if it was permissible to leave in the middle of a meeting and if that counted as an excused absence. Mr. True answered that he would have to look into that. Commissioner Ruth Krotzer asked if a MCWD Board member was in attendance, and if not, was it an excused absence. Commissioner Ford asked who the MCWD alternate was and noted that the City member did not have an alternate. Ms. Riso answered that the MCWD alternate was President Burns.

Ms. Grace Silva-Santella, Marina resident, asked for clarification regarding posting of vacancies and if the Board approved procedures were in effect. Mr. True answered that the approved procedures were in effect and that the vacancy would be posted per the procedure.

Agenda Item 5 (continued):

There was discussion on the language of vacancy verses term expiration. Ms. Silva-Santella suggested getting the Board to clarify the difference of a vacancy and if a Commission member term is ending.

6. Consider Re-appointment of Ruth Krotzer to the Water Conservation Commission:

Mr. True explained that Commissioner Ruth Krotzer's term expires the end of January 2013 and her application is presented for re-appointment. He added that past practice has been to re-appoint the Commission member as long as they were interested in continuing service on the Commission. Mr. True commented that according to the Water Conservation Procedures, the District should be advertising the opening and looking at all the potential candidates and advancing the recommendation to the Board.

Commissioner Ford stated that it was up to the Board to determine the meaning of the term "vacancy" as it was vague.

Commissioner Amadeo made a motion to forward the re-appointment of Commissioner Ruth Krotzer to the Board for consideration and they can use their discretion on when and if they want to implement it. Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion.

Ms. Silva-Santella pointed out the chart provided in the packet shows the date of January 3, 2013 for the Commission to consider the re-appointment and suggested the Commission follow the chart. She also suggested getting the definition better defined by the Board before moving forward. Commissioner Ford stated that it still has to go before the Board for consideration and action within the next two months. Mr. True said that the dates were merely deadlines so that staff and Commission members don't miss the renewal dates.

The motion passed with 6-Ayes, 0-Noes, 1-Absent (Shriner).

7. Receive the Fall 2012 Water Report Newsletter:

Mr. Lord shared copies of the Fall 2012 Water Report Newsletter that was in the process of being distributed to all MCWD customers.

8. Review Proposed and Suggested Agenda Items for January 3, 2013 and Discuss Location, Date, and Time for the December WCC Meeting:

The Commission discussed holding a holiday dinner instead of a meeting and asked if there was anything that needed to be discussed in December. Mr. True suggested the clarification and definition on the gray area of the term "vacancy".

Agenda Item 8 (continued):

Mr. True stated that if Ms. Silva-Santella or anyone else were to submit an application, it could be discussed in December as well. Mr. True added that he and Commissioner Amadeo were working on a letter from the District Board to CSUMB and the Army regarding participation in water conservation programs.

The Commission agreed to have the clarification and definition of the term “vacancy”, and the letter to CSUMB and the Army regarding water conservation participation on the December agenda.

The Commission agreed to hold the meeting on Thursday, December 6th at 5:30 p.m. and then adjourn to a holiday dinner at the New Tokyo Restaurant at 7:00 p.m.

9. Receive Update on Board/District Activities:

No update was given.

10. Receive Comments from Commission Members:

Commissioner Harold Krotzer commented that the Board member’s absence was non-excused.

11. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.