

Minutes
Water Conservation Commission
June 6, 2013

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Commission members Dan Amadeo, Carroll Meuse, Tom Jennings, Harold Krotzer, David Brown, Ruth Krotzer, and Jan Shriener (arrived at 5:33 pm) were present. Brian Lee, Brian True, Paul Lord, and Paula Riso were present from staff. Ron Allen was present for the public.

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

No comments were made.

3. Approve the Draft Minutes for May 2, 2013:

Commissioner Harold Krotzer made a motion to approve the draft minutes. Commissioner Ruth Krotzer seconded the motion. The motion was passed with 6-Ayes, and 1-Absent (Shriener).

4. Consider the Date to Conduct the July 2013 WCC Meeting:

Commissioner Harold Krotzer made a motion to conduct the WCC meeting on July 11th. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion was passed with 6-Ayes, and 1-Absent (Shriener).

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 Mr. Ron Allen. Commissioner Ruth Krotzer inquired on the music group Zun Zun. Mr. Allen answered how Zun Zun got involved with the program. Chair Amadeo asked if this contract was different from the previous contracts. Mr. Lord answered that the contract was the same although they did lower the budgeted amount.

Director Jan Shriener arrived at 5:33 p.m.

Director Shriener asked some clarifying questions regarding the contract.

Commissioner Harold Krotzer made a motion to recommend Board approval for the Professional Services Agreement with Mr. Ron Allen to Provide Consultant Services for the Water Conservation Education Program. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion was passed with 5-Ayes, and 2-Abstentions (Shriener, Jennings).

6. Review the Procedures and Eligibility Requirements for Obtaining a Hot-Water Recirculation Pump Rebate:

Mr. True introduced this item. Director Shriener shared the concerns brought to her attention by a customer regarding the procedures for obtaining a hot-water recirculation pump rebate.

Agenda Item 6 (continued):

Director Shriner recommended streamlining the procedures and asked why they were so expensive. Mr. True answered that the procedures were put in place so there could be a way of measuring water savings and deterring fraud. Discussion regarding procedures followed. It was agreed to leave the procedures as is and when able, send reminders of the program in the billing insert.

7. Receive an Update Regarding Opportunities to Work with the City of Marina on Water Conserving Projects:

Chair Amadeo stated that he made a presentation before the City Council regarding ways of saving water within the City, including rebate opportunities in the Abrams Park neighborhood. Mr. Lord noted that he had contacted the Abrams Park management group and began discussions. The Commission suggested including Preston Park in the discussions and it was noted that it might be best for Chair Amadeo to attend a FORA meeting to discuss available rebate opportunities.

8. Consider Developing a Water Conservation Calendar and Contest for Calendar Content:

Mr. True commented that this item came to this Commission by request of Director Shriner and asked that she share her ideas with the Commission. Director Shriner shared some examples of calendars that she had collected. There was discussion on whether to have Mr. Allen help get this into the schools, create something to physically distribute to students, or ways to cut costs, such as hosting a monthly calendar on the District's website with drawings by different schools. Chair Amadeo noted that there are several Commissioner positions up for renewal in August and suggested that maybe the Outreach Committee might be the better source for following through with this.

There was consensus to bring this item back after the District budget is approved and when the new Commissioner terms have been filled.

9. Review Proposed and Suggested Agenda Items for the July 2013 WCC Meeting:

Mr. True noted that for July, a budget update would be appropriate; reviewing applications for Commissioner positions; and, recommending the Conservation Education MOU for approval.

Mr. True stated that if the August agenda is kept light, there could be time for a quick tour of District facilities.

10. Receive Update on Board/District Activities:

Director Shriner noted that there have been several meetings where the Board has discussed the draft budget. She stated that there would be a special meeting on June 10th.

Agenda Item 10 (continued):

Chair Amadeo asked when would be a good time to give oral comments to the Board regarding the Conservation budget where it wasn't already on the agenda. Ms. Riso noted that the June 17th meeting would be appropriate as the budget wasn't scheduled to be on that agenda.

11. Receive Comments from Commission Members:

Chair Amadeo congratulated Commissioner Jennings on his appointment to the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District Board. Commissioner Jennings read aloud his letter of resignation effective immediately.

12. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.