

Minutes
Water Conservation Commission
January 9, 2014

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Commission members Dan Amadeo, Grace Silva-Santella, JoAnn Cannon, Jim Felton, David Brown, Carroll Meuse (arrived at 5:34 p.m.), and Jan Shriner (arrived at 5:34 p.m.) were present. Brian True, Paul Lord, Brian Lee, and Paula Riso were present from staff.

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

No comments were made.

3. Receive an Update on the Status of MCWD's Budget Process (verbal report):

Mr. True stated that the Board has approved continuing the 2012/2013 budget through the 2013/2014 fiscal year and explained the issues it could create in 2013/2014.

4. Consider Developing Outreach Opportunities Using Water Conservation:

Mr. True gave an update and stated that staff recommended moving forward with discussions involving CSUMB Service Learning and Cap Stone programs and the Commission suggested adding Sustainability programs as well.

Commissioner Cannon made a motion to include MPUSD in the outreach opportunities. Chair Amadeo seconded the motion. With a vote of 7-Ayes, 0-Noes, 0-Absent, the motion was passed.

Director Shriner asked the Commission to think about creating District maps instead of calendars.

5. Receive an Update on the Water Conservation Public Information Program:

Public information material prepared by staff was reviewed and discussed. The timing of distribution and topics within time-periods was also discussed. Chair Amadeo commented intern labor resources could be obtained to increase the volume and frequency of public info materials.

6. Consider the Existing Hot-Water Recirculation Rebate Program and the Prospects for Developing Rebate Programs for Rainwater Catchment and Gray-Water Use:

Mr. True provided guidance to the Commission regarding the use of gray water systems and the need to protect the potable water system. Commissioners noted that the City of Marina has already authorized some installations of gray water systems. Staff was directed by Interim General Manager Brian Lee to coordinate with local Land-use Jurisdictions regarding the permitting of gray water systems.

Agenda Item 6 (continued):

Mr. Jon Ramsey from Aqua Soleil was a guest of the Commission. Mr. Ramsey provide a brief presentation regarding rainwater catchment. He suggested that the initial focus of most current rainwater catchment incentive or rebate programs was a focus on sustainability. An important feature of rainwater catchment systems is to have the tank be made of dark materials rather than see-through or white materials and be fairly air-tight in order to avoid algae or vector growth. He provided the example of Santa Fe, NM as a jurisdiction where the use of rainwater catchment is mandated for new construction.

7. Review Proposed and Suggested Agenda Items for the February 6, 2014 WCC Meeting:

The Commission requested staff update water consumption data to include the data from calendar year 2013.

Gray water items were requested to be placed on the future items list.

The Commission agreed to the remaining staff suggestions for the February 6 Agenda.

8. Receive Update on Board/District Activities:

Director Shriner provided a brief update on MCWD activities.

9. Receive Comments from Commission Members:

No comments were recorded.

10. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.