

Minutes
Water Conservation Commission
June 5, 2014

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. Commission members Dan Amadeo, Jan Shriner, JoAnn Cannon, Carroll Meuse, and Grace Silva-Santella were present. David Brown and Jim Felton were 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 May 1, 2014 Meeting Minutes:

Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve the May 1, 2014 minutes. Commissioner Meuse seconded the motion. With a vote of 5-Ayes, 0-Noes, 0-Abstained, 2-Absent (Brown, Felton) the motion was passed.

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

Mr. True and Director Shriner gave a brief update on the latest proposed changes to the District budget and noted that it was scheduled to go before the Board for approval later this month.

5. Consider Recommending to the Board of Directors Their 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 briefly explained that the background of the in-school water conservation education program and how the Memorandum of Understanding with MPUSD provides for the salary and benefits of one teacher to teach water conservation in 65 classes at 5 District schools.

Commissioner Cannon made a motion to recommend to the Board of Directors approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between Marina Coast Water District and the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District Regarding the In-School Water Conservation Education Program. Commissioner Silva-Santella seconded the motion. With a vote of 4-Ayes, 0-Noes, 2-Absent (Brown, Felton) and 1-Abstention the motion was passed.

6. Consider Actions for Implementing Stage 1 of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan and Review a Draft "Editorial" Prepared by Commissioner Cannon and Chair Amadeo:

Chair Amadeo and Commissioner Cannon drafted a conservation editorial for the entire Commission to review and discuss. The Commission thoroughly reviewed the draft and offered several changes to wording, paragraph placement and grammar.

7. Consider Developing Outreach Opportunities Using Water Conservation – Developing an Activity/”Fun” Map of MCWD’s Service Area:

Director Shriner explained that her ideas regarding an activity/fun map for the District’s service area is mainly a community outreach but could contain conservation messages. Discussion followed regarding purchasing advertising spots on the Marina Chamber of Commerce map to spread conservation messages as well as public announcement spots on the radio. It was generally agreed that the activity/fun map should be a community outreach item.

8. Consider Having Commissioner Silva-Santella Coordinate a Field Tour of a Gray Water System for the July 2014 WCC Meeting:

Commissioner Silva-Santella was asked to coordinate a field tour of the gray water system located at the La Mesa housing tract.

9. Selection of an Alternate Date for the July 2014 WCC Meeting:

Commissioner Silva-Santella was informed that the most preferred date for the tour/WCC meeting would be July 10th, then July 9, July 8, July 17 or July 16th and to try to schedule a tour/meeting for one of those days.

10. Review Proposed and Suggested Agenda Items for the July 2014 WCC Meeting:

It was agreed to schedule pertinent items only and to reserve the rest of the meeting time for the tour.

11. Receive Update on Board/District Activities:

Director Shriner provided a brief update on recent MCWD activities and noted that the Vice President was now Director Lee.

12. Receive Comments from Commission Members:

No comments.

13. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.