

Draft Minutes
Water Conservation Commission
August 7, 2014

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Commission members Dan Amadeo, Jim Felton, JoAnn Cannon, Jan Shriner, Carroll Meuse, and Grace Silva-Santella were present. David Brown 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 July 17, 2014 Meeting Minutes:

Chair Amadeo noted that he did not go on the gray water tour on July 17th. Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve the July 17, 2014 minutes as amended. Commissioner Silva-Santella seconded the motion. With a vote of 5-Ayes, 0-Noes, 1-Abstained (Felton), 1-Absent (Brown) the motion was passed.

4. Receive a Brief Regarding the Gray Water System Tour from July 17, 2014 (verbal report):

Mr. True and Commissioner Silva-Santella gave a brief overview of the tour and how the system worked. Commissioner Silva-Santella was very impressed with the set-up and suggested the District look into ways of requiring gray water systems to be built in new developments.

5. Receive Updates on the Status of MCWD's Prospective Engagement with CSUMB Regarding the Service Learning Programs and the Drought/Conservation Article (verbal report):

Mr. True stated that Board President had several editorial changes he wanted to make and would provide those to staff. Ms. Riso commented that the Board approved the article with the Board President's suggested edits and signature by the WCC Chair. She noted that staff has yet to receive the suggested edits but as soon as they are received, staff would prepare the letter for signature and share a copy with the WCC.

Mr. True stated that the District's legal counsel has been working with a contact at CSUMB and things are moving forward. Commissioner Cannon noted that she had talked with the CSUMB contact and she is hopeful the two parties will get everything worked out soon. Director Shriner explained that the contract will have to be approved by the Board before going back to CSUMB for finalization. She said that the District Board will be looking at the contract on August 18 and possibly September 2, 2014.

6. Receive a Brief Regarding the State Water Resources Control Board's Resolution No. 2014-0038 Adopting an Emergency Regulation for Statewide Urban Water Conservation and the Impact That Resolution May Have On MCWD and the Commission (verbal report; SWRCB Resolution attached):

Agenda Item 6 (continued):

Chair Amadeo stated that the discussion at the August 4, 2014 Board meeting was very informative and encouraged the Commission members to watch the video online.

Mr. True reviewed the “Proposed Text of Emergency Regulations” and how the District is already implementing the majority of these actions. He showed how the District’s Water Shortage Contingency Plan is very much on the same wavelength of the Emergency Regulations. The Commission discussed the Stage 1 Drought recommendations and how it has already been declared by the Board and what might be considered for Stage 2 or Stage 3 Drought.

7. Review the Applications for Commissioners and Recommend to the MCWD Board of Directors the Appointment of Two Members of the Public to Commissioner Positions:

Commissioner Cannon requested that the application period be extended an additional 30 days to allow a larger pool of applicants to choose from. She added that she knew of several interested parties and would like to allow them time to turn in applications. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Cannon made a motion to make a recommendation to the Board to 1) extend the application period for an additional 60 days to allow a larger pool of applicants; 2) add language at the end of the Conservation Article that the Commission is looking for interested individuals to apply to be a public member to the Commission; and, 3) to extend the two Commissioner terms that are currently expiring, until new Commissioners are appointed. Commissioner Silva-Santella seconded the motion. With a vote of 5-Ayes, 0-Noes, 1-Abstention (Shriner), 1-Absent (Brown) the motion was passed.

8. Review Proposed and Suggested Agenda Items for the September 4, 2014 WCC Meeting:

The Commission agreed to the two listed items and added election of officers.

9. Receive Update on Board/District Activities:

Director Shriner noted that on August 30th the City of Marina is holding a Labor Day Parade and Festival. She stated that the District is having a booth with conservation information at the festival and invited the Commission members to volunteer to help in the booth. Director Shriner said that there would be a special meeting to hold General Manager candidate interviews on Friday. She also noted that the MPUSD in-school water conservation program was not approved at the last Board meeting.

10. Receive Comments from Commission Members:

Chair Amadeo noted that the first Saturday in September, Marina in Motion is sponsoring candidate debates for Marina City Council and Marina Coast Water District. The Marina Coast Water District candidate debates will be at 10:00 am and the Marina City Council will be at 1:00 p.m. to be held at the Marina Council Chambers.

11. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.