

Minutes  
Water Conservation Commission  
December 4, 2014

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Commission members Grace Silva-Santella, Charlie Eskridge, Jan Shriner, David Brown, and JoAnn Cannon were present. Jim Felton was absent. Brian True, Paul Lord, and Paula Riso were present from staff. Bethany Taylor and Audie Robinson were present for the public.

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

No comments were made.

3. Approve the November 6, 2014 Meeting Minutes:

Chair Silva-Santella asked that item 8 of the minutes show that the Commission asked why the item hadn't gone to the WCC before going to the Board. Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2014 meeting, as amended. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion. With a vote of 5-Ayes, 0-Noes, 1-Absent (Felton) the motion was passed.

4. Review the Applications for Commissioners and Recommend to the MCWD Board of Directors the Appointment of One Member of the Public to the Vacant Commissioner Position:

Mr. True stated that this item was scheduled to be discussed at the December 15<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

Ms. Bethany Taylor gave a brief introduction of herself and her interest in serving on the Commission. Mr. Audie Robinson gave a brief introduction of himself and his interest in serving on the Commission.

Mr. True suggested that the Commission request the Board expand the number of public positions on the Commission so that both applicants can be appointed. The Commission discussed this concept and agreed on Plan A and Plan B. Plan A was to request the Board expand the number of public members on the Commission and appoint both applicants, and Plan B was to request the Board appoint Bethany Taylor, should Plan A fail.

Councilmember Brown made a motion to recommend Plan A to the Board. Commissioner Cannon seconded the motion. With a vote of 4-Ayes, 0-Noes, 1-Abstention (Shriner), 1-Absent (Felton) the motion was passed.

Councilmember Brown made a motion to recommend Plan B to the Board should Plan A fail. Commissioner Eskridge seconded the motion. With a vote of 4-Ayes, 0-Noes, 1-Abstention (Shriner), 1-Absent (Felton) the motion was passed.

5. Discuss and Develop Ideas for Projects To Be Used Within the CSUMB Service Learning Programs:

The Commission brainstormed ideas for the Service Learning Program. There was discussion on different levels of Service Learning. One level was having a list of suggested projects for students; and another level of letting the students create/suggest a project that they would like to do. The Commission suggested the following projects:

- Have a student visit a business and create a report of the business' current water use; implement conservation measures at the business; and later follow-up on the water usage showing how much water was saved.
- Educate businesses how to use signage to encourage water conservation.
- Develop a public information program to focus on hot water recirculation
- Review and recommend improved water conservation standards for new projects and development
- Program or standard for greywater systems

This item will be on the January agenda for discussion and on the February agenda for consideration.

6. Receive and Take Possible Action On Information Regarding MCWD's Implementation of Stage 3 of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan:

Mr. Lord gave an update on how staff has been promoting the Stage 3 implementation and the Commission asked for a follow-up at the next meeting.

7. Determine a Date for the January 2015 WCC Meeting:

Commissioner Cannon invited staff and Commissioners to a holiday lunch on December 11<sup>th</sup>. The Commission agreed to meet on January 8, 2015.

8. Review Proposed and Suggested Agenda Items for the January 2015 WCC Meeting:

The Commission discussed future agenda items and agreed to the following items for December: 1) introduction of new Commissioners and provide orientation materials; 2) update on the Stage 3 implementation; 3) receive list of Service Learning programs; 4) consider implementing WCC sub-committees; 5) a Brown Act/Roberts Rules of Order refresher; and 6) discuss Water Conservation Education Programs with Mary Linzer.

9. Receive Update on Board/District Activities:

Director Shriner gave a brief update on Board activities.

10. Receive Comments from Commission Members:

No comments.

11. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.