

Minutes
Water Conservation Commission

August 4, 2016

1. Call to Order/Introduction:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Commission members Grace Silva-Santella, Audie Robinson, Charlie Eskridge, Bethany Taylor, David Brown, JoAnn Cannon and Jan Shriner (arrived at 5:50 p.m.) were present. Jim Felton had notified staff that he was going to be absent from the meeting. Tom Britzman and Phil Clark were present from the public. Danielle Walker, Jean Premutati, and Paula Riso were present from staff.

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

None.

3. Action to Approve the July 7, 2016 Meeting Minutes:

Councilmember Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Eskridge seconded the motion. With a vote of 5-Ayes, 0-Noes, 1-Abstained (Cannon), 2-Absent (Felton, Shriner), the motion was passed.

4. Review Submitted Applications for Available Seats on the Water Conservation Commission and Consider Making Recommendations for Appointments to the Board:

Chair Silva-Santella presented this item and asked each applicant to introduce themselves and why they are interested in serving on the Commission. Each of the five applicants gave a brief background of themselves. The Commission asked each candidate to explain how they would be an asset to the Commission. The Commission agreed that representation from the East Garrison and Bayview communities would help broaden the outreach of the conservation programs. Discussion on how to proceed followed.

Councilmember Brown made a motion to recommend all five applicants to the Board of Directors and that the Board of Directors consider adding an additional public seat to the Commission. Commissioner Cannon seconded the motion. With a vote of 6-Ayes, 0-Noes, 1-Abstained (Shriner), 1-Absent (Felton), the motion was passed.

5. Receive a Report on Board Consideration of Staff's Recommendation to Adopt a Resolution Declaring Water Conservation Stage 2:

Director Shriner reported out the Board of Director's action regarding Stage 2 water conservation. Chair Silva-Santella read an excerpt from the Board packet that stated the Commission's recommendation to stay at Stage 3 and staff's recommendation to instead go to Stage 2 and re-evaluate any changes once the SWRCB announces any changes in the future. Commissioner Cannon voiced her concern over the double message being sent to the community about the drought. Discussion followed.

6. Review and Propose Agenda Items for the September 1, 2016 WCC Meeting and Future Meetings:

Director Shriner asked that the Board of Director's Strategic Plan Conservation Goals be included in the new Commissioner Orientation information. Information on the results of the Water Conservation Showcase event at the Monterey County Fair will be given on September 1st. An update on the school programs was requested for September. Chair Silva-Santella suggested that a future meeting have a report from the General Manager on why it isn't reasonable for the Commission to get a saltwater intrusion presentation. Chair Silva-Santella asked that at the September meeting a working group be assigned to look at HE Toilets and then the results looked at in October.

7. Receive Update on Board/District Activities:

Director Shriner gave a brief update on the latest actions of the Board.

8. Receive Comments from Commission Members:

Commissioner Taylor stated that she would be unavailable for the September meeting.

9. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.