

Minutes
Water Conservation Commission

November 2, 2017

1. Call to Order/Introduction:

The meeting was called to order at 5:41 p.m. Commission members Phil Clark, Charlie Eskridge, Margaret-Anne Coppernoll, Jim Felton, and Efrem Valentin were present. David Brown, Jan Shriner, Jason Montgomery, Bethany Taylor were absent. Paul Lord was present from staff.

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

Mr. Lord informed the Commission that Mr. Walter Erwin resigned from the Commission earlier in the week.

3. Action Items:

A. Approve the September 7, 2017 Meeting Minutes:

Mr. Lord stated that he requested changes to page 2, Item C of the minutes. He noted the following changes:

Line 2 - "New Construction: ~~4-4~~ 1.28 GPF or less, High Efficiency toilets; WaterSense labeled showerheads having a flow of 2.0 GPM or less"

Line 6 - "would be: ~~remove the~~ 1.28 High Efficiency toilets or Ultra-High Efficiency toilets having a flow of 1.1 GPF or less; WaterSense labeled showerheads having a flow of 2.0 GPM or less"

Line 8 - "and, require certain irrigation system upgrades for landscape renovations associated with permitted building alterations"

Vice Chair Eskridge made a motion to approve the September 7, 2017 minutes with the suggested corrections. Commissioner Coppernoll seconded the motion. With a vote of 4-Ayes, 0-Noes, 1-Abstained (Felton), 4-Absent (Brown, Shriner, Montgomery, Taylor), the motion was passed.

4. Staff Reports:

A. Receive an Update on Recent Public Information Events – City of Seaside’s Second Annual PARK(ing) DAY:

Mr. Lord and Chair Clark gave an update on the PARK(ing) DAY event and showed slides of the activities. Chair Clark noted that the District was awarded a certificate for Most Educational at the event. He also stated that they handed out a case of low-flow showerheads and a case of shut-offs within 2 hours. Chair Clark stated that Dani Driscoll, MCWD Water Conservation Specialist II, and Sarah Coffin, CSUMB Service Learning student, also worked the event and were able to reach out to a lot of people. There was discussion on putting together an event calendar so the Commissioners can see what upcoming events they might be available to volunteer at.

B. Receive a Verbal Update on the September 13, September 21, October 11, and October 26, 2017 WCC Working Group Meetings:

Mr. Lord stated that the meeting of September 13th was canceled. He said that at the September 21st meeting, they discussed Parliamentary Procedures on how to conduct an orderly meeting and watched video examples. Mr. Lord stated that at the October 11th meeting, they discussed planned new development and also discussed Parliamentary Procedure again. Mr. Lord said that on October 26th they discussed new goals and objectives for 2018, learned about water allocations in the Ord Community, and discussed plans for the holiday dinner.

C. Receive a Report on the Progress of WaterLink Multi-family Retrofitting:

Mr. Lord stated that he had received a call from Ecology Action of Santa Cruz stating that they had received a \$2.4 million grant to implement the WaterLink program throughout Santa Cruz and Monterey communities, and asked for MCWD's assistance in finding sites to retrofit. Mr. Lord said that MCWD provided showerheads and aerators for the homes and will provide rebates on toilets and washers when they are received. He said that Ecology Action was able to retrofit 73 housing units in the Ord service area and 94 housing units in 7 multi-family properties in the Marina service area.

D. Receive a Verbal Update on Proposed Changes to the MCWD Water Code, Chapter 3.36:

Mr. Lord commented that the Board had received the proposed changes to the Code and received it as written. He stated that they also had questions on metering of hotels and motels and the District's consultant would be looking at that during the rate study. Mr. Lord said that the Ordinance to change the Code will come before the Board in the Spring for consideration.

E. Receive Updated GPCD, Water Production, and Water Consumption Data:

Mr. Lord reviewed the production and consumption data and noted that there was an increase in usage in September for the last several years. It was pointed out that the weather has been very warm and there are more families moving into the area. Discussion followed.

F. Receive the Validated 2016 Water Loss Audit Report and Level 1 Validation Document:

Mr. Lord reviewed the validated 2016 Water Loss Audit Report with the Commission and discussed the third party audit validator's suggestions to improve data collection. Those suggestions were: 1) aligning the recorded annual water consumption figures closer to the metered amount of water produced, 2) the metering of unmetered connections, and 3) the development of a customer meter accuracy testing and meter replacement program that would help set meter replacement goals based upon accuracy test results. Mr. Lord showed slides on validating water loss and discussion followed.

5. Receive Update on Board/District Activities:

There was no update given.

6. Receive Comments from Commission Members:

Commissioner Coppernoll congratulated Chair Clark and Vice Chair Eskridge on being voted in to continue being Chair and Vice Chair. Vice Chair Eskridge commented that he would like to see more Commissioners volunteer for the public events. Chair Clark agreed and wanted to encourage the Commissioners to volunteer for more events. Commissioner Coppernoll suggested a calendar listing the events so the Commissioners can see what is coming up and can schedule their availability. Chair Clark gave an update about Campus Town.

7. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.