

Draft Minutes
Water Conservation Commission

September 7, 2017

1. Call to Order/Introduction:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Commission members Phil Clark, Charlie Eskridge, Walter Erwin, Jason Montgomery, David Brown, Jan Shriner, Efrem Valentin (arrived at 5:37 p.m.) were present. Margaret-Anne Coppernoll, Jim Felton, Bethany Taylor were absent. Paul Lord, Jean Premutati and Paula Riso were present from staff.

2. Introduction of New Public Member, Efrem Valentin, and Re-appointed Commissioners Coppernoll, Felton, and Montgomery to the Water Conservation Commission:

Mr. Lord introduced Commissioner Valentin as a new public member, and Commissioners Coppernoll, Felton, and Montgomery as returning public members.

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

None.

4. Action Items:

A. Elect Chair and Vice Chair of the Water Conservation Commission:

Councilmember Brown nominated Commissioner Eskridge for Chair. Director Shriner seconded the nomination.

Commissioner Clark nominated himself for Chair stating that he would like to continue as Chair as he only was able to serve as Chair since taking over in March. He added that the Commission has completed 80% of their Goals this last year. Commissioner Montgomery seconded the nomination.

Commissioner Eskridge commented that the monthly meetings, working group meetings, and public outreach events have been running smoothly and suggested that maybe Commissioner Clark and he should remain as Chair and Vice Chair.

Councilmember Brown made a substitute nomination for Commissioner Clark as Chair and Commissioner Eskridge for Vice Chair. Commissioner Montgomery seconded the nomination. With a vote of 4-Ayes, 0-Noes, 2-Abstained (Eskridge, Clark), 4-Absent (Taylor, Felton, Coppernoll, Valentin), the nomination was passed.

Commissioner Valentin arrived at 5:37 p.m. Chair Clark welcomed Commissioner Valentin to the meeting.

B. Approve the August 3, 2017 Meeting Minutes:

Chair Clark suggested changing the word “their” to “our” under item 2 of the minutes.

Commissioner Eskridge made a motion to approve the August 3, 2017 minutes with the suggested correction. Director Shriner seconded the motion. With a vote of 5-Ayes, 0-Noes, 2-Abstained (Brown, Montgomery), 3-Absent (Coppernoll, Taylor, Felton), the motion was passed.

C. Consider Recommending a First Reading of an Ordinance Amending the District Code, Chapter 3.36, to Update the Water Conservation Requirements for New Construction, Renovations, and Properties upon Change of Ownership or Use:

Mr. Lord introduced this item and explained the need for changes to the Water District Code. He reviewed the proposed requirements for New Construction: 1.1 GPF or less water efficient toilets; no more than 2.0 GPM showerheads; removing High Efficiency Washing Machines from the code; and, changing the title to the landscape installation section. Mr. Lord continued by reviewing proposed requirements for New Additions, Renovations, or Remodels. He said those proposed requirements would be: remove the 1.28 GPF requirement and allow installation of 1.1 GPF or less; no more than 2.0 GPM showerheads; faucets replaced or retrofitted to a defined, efficient flow rate; and, require metering for certain landscaping over 2,500 square feet. Mr. Lord added that when a property is to be sold, this Ordinance would require retrofitting of toilets, showerheads and faucets to meet the new requirements.

Director Shriner questioned metering and why hotels/motels were exempt from the Code. Discussion followed.

Councilmember Brown made a motion to recommend a First Reading of an Ordinance amending the District Code, Chapter 3.36, to Update the Water Conservation Requirements for New Construction, Renovations, and Properties upon Change of Ownership or Use. Commissioner Montgomery seconded the motion. With a vote of 6-Ayes, 0-Noes, 1-Abstained (Shriner), 3-Absent (Felton, Taylor, Coppernoll), the motion was passed.

5. Staff Reports:

A. Receive an Update on Changes to the Commission Membership Table:

Mr. Lord reviewed the Commission Membership Table and the terms of the seated Commissioners.

B. Receive New Commissioner Orientation Packet and Procedures for the Water Conservation Commission:

Mr. Lord introduced this item.

Agenda Item 5-B (continued):

Mr. Lord reviewed the information provided: excerpt from the Board Procedures Manual; WCC Procedures; history of the District; rebate and incentive programs; links to water quality and salt water intrusion; and, an Acronym sheet. Director Shriner stated that SGMA has a new website and suggested added RUWAP to the Acronym sheet and then listing the Acronyms alphabetically.

C. Receive a Verbal Update on the August 9th and August 23rd WCC Working Group Meetings:

Mr. Lord stated that on August 9th the working group discussed the Commissioner orientation package, upcoming events and how to get Commissioners more involved in attending the events. Chair Clark commented that any Commissioners that are unable to attend the working group meetings are welcome to work on their own and then share their findings with the Commission at a monthly meeting. On August 23rd, Mr. Lord stated that they discussed what happened at the FORA meeting regarding groundwater; they discussed what happened at the Joint City District Committee meeting; envelope messages; and, how the voting of Chair and Vice Chair would be handled. Chair Clark commented that the working group meetings allowed the Commissioners get deeper into the details of items, and he was appreciative of everyone's participation.

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

Mr. Lord introduced this item and reviewed the updated GPCD, water production, and water consumption data.

E. Receive an Update on Recent Public Information Events:

Mr. Lord gave a brief update on recent public events and showed slides and discussed participation of the events. Chair Clark thanked Orchard Supply for donating buckets to use in the shower display.

F. Propose Working Group Meetings and Review Agenda Items for the October 5, 2017 WCC Meeting and Future Meetings:

Mr. Lord commented that they were proposing working group meetings for September 13 and 21, and he would notify everyone if anything changed. As of right now, Mr. Lord noted that the proposed items to be discussed in October are an update on the proposed Ordinance; GPCD water consumption data; and, 2017 goals and objectives.

6. Receive Update on Board/District Activities:

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

7. Receive Comments from Commission Members:

Chair Clark shared what was discussed at the last Joint City District meeting and encouraged everyone to attend the next meeting in October. Vice Chair Eskridge asked about sub-metering of apartment complexes. He commented that the District has conservation information aimed at children and adults and suggested having some information geared for tweens. Vice Chair Eskridge also suggested putting together a storyboard showing how the conservation fixtures work, (i.e. faucets and showerheads).

8. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.