

Minutes  
Water Conservation Commission

July 12, 2018

1. Call to Order/Introduction:

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. Commission members Phil Clark, Charlie Eskridge, David Brown, Jan Shriner, and Efrem Valentin were present. Jason Montgomery, Jim Felton, Bethany Taylor, and, Margaret-Anne Coppernoll were absent. Paul Lord, Patrick Breen, Keith Van Der Maaten, and Paula Riso were present from staff.

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

There were no public comments.

3. Action Item:

A. Approve the June 7, 2018 Meeting Minutes:

Commissioner Valentin made a motion to approve the June 7, 2018 minutes. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion. With a vote of 5-Ayes, 0-Noes, 0-Abstained, 4-Absent (Taylor, Shriner, Valentin, Montgomery), the motion was passed.

4. Staff Reports:

A. Water Conservation Commission Realignment Plan:

Mr. Breen introduced this item explaining that this realignment was to streamline and focus the Commission on providing information to the Board that supports decisions they will be considering. This will establish a 5-member commission. All existing appointments will cease, although current members will be able to apply as the 5 seats will be new appointments. The New Commission will hold meetings in the District Board Room with the members seated at the dais. The meetings will be conducted in the same manner as the District Board of Directors meetings (i.e. roll call, pledge of allegiance, etc.). Discussion regarding Board expectations and Commission member size followed. Mr. Van Der Maaten commented that 5 was a very common size for a Board or Commission membership and that discussion should be contained at the meetings to avoid Brown Act violations. He explained how staff would present items to the Commission and get the Commission's input and discussion before forwarding those items to the Board. Discussion followed. Director Shriner will voice the concerns of the Commission when the Board discusses this item.

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

Mr. Lord handed out new charts showing GPCD, Water Production, and Water Consumption Data through June 30th. He noted that there was an increase in the overall summertime peak water use due to the new construction of homes in the Ord Community. Mr. Lord stated that the usage was still well below the State mandated 20% conservation measures, even though the number of meters has increased.

5. Receive Update on Board/District Activities:

Director Shriner updated the Commission on activities the Board of Directors is currently involved in. She said the WCC realignment plan was going to be discuss at the next Board meeting, an item to resolve the potential annexation overlap with Seaside County Sanitation District; and easements with CSUMB and the Army. Director Shriner addressed the discussion on Twitter feeds going around and explained that the District is working on a Social Media Policy.

6. Receive Comments from Commission Members:

Commissioner Valentin commented that his bill has increased over the last several months.

7. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.