

Minutes
Water Conservation Commission

March 2, 2017

1. Call to Order/Introduction:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Commission members Phil Clark, Charlie Eskridge, David Brown, Tom Britzman, Jim Felton, Margaret-Anne Coppernoll (arrived at 5:34 p.m.), and Jan Shriner (arrived at 5:45 p.m.) were present. Bethany Taylor was absent. There are two vacant public positions. Jason Montgomery and Walter Erwin were present from the public. Paul Lord and Jean Premutati were present from staff.

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

None.

3. Action to Approve the February 2, 2017 Meeting Minutes:

Commissioner Britzman made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Felton seconded the motion. With a vote of 3-Ayes, 0-Noes, 2-Abstained (Eskridge, Brown), 3-Absent (Shriner, Coppernoll, Taylor), the motion was passed.

4. Receive a Verbal Update on the Board of Director's Review and Consideration of 2017 Commission Goals and Objectives:

Mr. Lord briefly updated the Commission on the Board action taken at the February 21, 2017 Board meeting. He stated that he had answered the Board's questions regarding the working group meetings and toilet retrofitting. Mr. Lord informed the Commission that the Board approved the WCC prioritized goals and objectives for 2017.

Commissioner Coppernoll arrived at 5:34 p.m.

5. Recognition of Community Member, Ms. Grace Silva-Santella, for her Dedicated Service to the Marina Coast Water District as a Member of the Water Conservation Commission:

Mr. Lord handed out certificates for the Commissioners to sign recognizing Grace Silva-Santella for her outstanding dedication and teamwork during her tenure. He expressed his appreciation of Ms. Silva-Santella's work ethic, knowledge, and enthusiasm in the working groups. Chair Clark also voiced his appreciation of Ms. Silva-Santella's commitment and hard work.

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

Mr. Lord stated that Mr. Jason Montgomery and Mr. Walter Erwin have submitted applications for the vacancies on the Commission and noted that the Commission is asked to review the applications and make a recommendation to the Board.

Agenda item 6 (continued):

Mr. Montgomery introduced himself, gave a brief background, and answered Commissioner's questions.

Director Shriner arrived at 5:45 p.m.

Mr. Erwin introduced himself, gave a brief background, and answered Commissioner's questions.

Commissioner Britzman made a motion to recommend both applications to the Board for consideration. Commissioner Coppennoll seconded the motion. With a vote of 6-Ayes, 0-Noes, 1-Abstention (Shriner), and 1-Absent (Taylor), the motion was passed.

7. Receive the Results of the MCWD Rebate Recipient Survey:

Mr. Lord introduced this item. Ms. Premutati and Mr. Lord went over the survey questions and comments made by customers. Discussion followed.

8. Receive a Verbal Update on the Status of State Emergency Regulations for Urban Water Conservation:

Mr. Lord introduced this item. He explained the background of the State's emergency regulations for urban water conservation. He explained that the State will continue to evaluate the water crisis and update their regulations later in the spring and noted that a website was provided in case anyone was interested in following the actions in Sacramento.

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

Mr. Lord introduced this item. Commissioner Britzman questioned the discrepancy in the number of meters listed in the charts. Mr. Lord stated that there were about 1,090 meters that had been reported as single-family units but were actually multi-family units and that has been corrected. Commissioner Britzman voiced his concern over the credibility of the reports being presented and that the numbers are not consistent throughout the pages. Mr. Lord explained the change from single to multi-family units. Mr. Lord announced he had completed negotiations with a section of rental units in the Ord Community that were constructed in 1952. The replacement of 3.5 gallons per flush toilets with newer 1.28 gallons per flush is planned. The amount of \$35,000 has been budgeted as shown in agenda item 5-b, paragraph 2a in today's meeting notes. This is a major step forward at a reasonable cost. Discussion followed.

10. Receive an Update on the Outcome of January and February WCC Working Group Meetings:

Mr. Lord gave brief updates on the working group discussion of January 31st, February 2nd, February 17th, and February 28th.

11. Review Proposed Working Group Meetings and Agenda Items for the April 6, 2017 WCC Meeting and Future Meetings:

Mr. Lord introduced this item.

The proposed items for April 6th are Resale Retrofitting, the Draft Budget, In-school Program, and possibly Landscape Standards.

12. Receive Update on Board/District Activities:

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

13. Receive Comments from Commission Members:

Commissioner Coppernoll stated that there may be another Citizen's for Just Water forum on March 15th at the Marina Library. Commissioner Britzman asked to be notified if the forum was going to be held. Chair Clark stated that there were some public events coming up in the next couple of months to include a Car Show, Earth Day, and the Garden Tour. Commissioner Coppernoll shared the information she received from the Alliance for Water Efficiency Webinar on greywater systems.

14. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.