

Minutes  
Water Conservation Commission

June 1, 2017

1. Call to Order/Introduction:

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

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

A video just received by the District regarding the Electromagnetic Resistivity Tomography was played.

3. Action Item:

A. Approve the May 4, 2017 Meeting Minutes:

With a vote of 5-Ayes, 0-Noes, 1-Abstained (Coppernoll), 3-Absent (Eskridge, Brown, Felton), the motion was passed.

4. Staff Reports:

A. Receive a Verbal Update on the May 11th WCC Working Group Meeting:

Mr. Lord gave a brief update on the meeting and stated they discussed getting together with the City and other jurisdictions to best understand what new developments are coming forward and to provide information on conservation ideas. Chair Clark stated that Commissioners Felton and Eskridge will talk with the City of Marina staff, and Chair Clark would talk with the City of Seaside staff regarding conservation and possibly attending working group meetings. Discussion followed.

B. Receive a Verbal Update on the Recruitment of a Water Science/Conservation Teacher:

Mr. Lord informed the Commission that the new water science/conservation teacher selected by the District has been hired by the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District (MPUSD). The Memorandum of Understanding is going later this month to both the District and MPUSD Boards for approval. Mr. Lord stated that he would be meeting with the teacher next month to start bringing her up to speed with the program.

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

Mr. Lord reviewed water usage with the Commission and how the consumption was at an all-time low. The Commission discussed how the gallons per capita were also at an all-time low and hopefully it will continue through the summer.

D. Receive an Update on the WaterLink Program Implementation in the MCWD Service Area:

Mr. Lord shared information on the WaterLink program that will be taking place in the District in the next several months. The program will help customers with low flow showerheads, and information on high efficiency washers, and toilets. They will also help disadvantaged communities with water saving devices. Discussion followed.

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

Mr. Lord introduced this item and stated that he had no working group meetings scheduled for June, but if any Commissioners wanted to meet to discuss something to let him know. He stated in July he was planning on bringing an update to the action on the MPUSD MOU along with the update on the Clothes Washer Rebates. He also was looking at the toilet retrofit item and perhaps taking the Commissioners on a tour to either a desal plant, or walk around East Garrison. Director Shriner suggested a tour to Los Arboles School to look at their new field. Chair Clark stated that he would like to have a couple of working group meetings in June. Mr. Lord suggested they meet and discuss items.

5. Receive Update on Board/District Activities:

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

6. Receive Comments from Commission Members:

Commissioner Coppernoll invited everyone to the water meeting at the Marina Library on June 3rd.

7. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.