

Minutes
Water Conservation Commission

July 6, 2017

1. Call to Order/Introduction:

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

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

Chair Clark noted that following the meeting there was going to be a tour at the East Garrison Development.

3. Action Item:

A. Approve the June 1, 2017 Meeting Minutes:

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

4. Staff Reports:

A. Receive a Verbal Update on the June 14th WCC Working Group Meeting:

Mr. Lord gave a brief update on the meeting and said that they discussed the 2017 WCC Goals and Objectives and will bring them back to the next WCC meeting for discussion and then present them to the Board at a future meeting. Mr. Lord stated that there was a brief discussion on a Buoy smart device that monitors water usage and can shut off water if a leak is detected.

B. Receive a Verbal Update on Proposed Modifications to the Clothes Washer Rebate Tiers and the Top Rebate Payment:

Mr. Lord commented that the Board approved the changes to the Clothes Washer Rebate Tiers, and noted that now, only the most efficient machines will receive a rebate. Director Shriner asked how washer rebates were tracked, if they were tracked by residence, store, or brand. Mr. Lord answered that washer rebates were not being tracked at this time.

C. 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 was approved by both the District and MPUSD Boards and she will be starting work very soon.

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D. Review Proposed Working Group Meetings and Agenda Items for the August 3, 2017 WCC Meeting and Future Meetings:

Mr. Lord introduced this item and that at the next meeting they would be reviewing applications for the open positions; the 2017 WCC Goals and Objectives; and water consumption data. Chair Clark set a working group meeting for August 3rd at 3:00 p.m. to discuss the toilet retrofit ordinance changes.

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:

Efrem Valentin asked what the East Garrison tour would entail. Chair Clark stated that they would meet with the developer and discussing the phases of the development and conservation.

7. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.