

Minutes  
Water Conservation Commission

March 7, 2019

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

Commission Members Present:

Shawn Storm, P.E. – Chair  
Phil Clark – Vice Chair  
Sarah Babcock  
Audra Walton  
Bill Huynh

Commission Members Absent:

None

Staff Members Present:

Patrick Breen, Water Resources Manager  
Paul Lord, Water Conservation Specialist  
Paula Riso, Executive Assistant/Clerk to the Board

Audience Members:

Jennifer Grossman, CSUMB Student  
Lauren Wild, CSUMB Student  
Emily Tate, CSUMB Student

3. Pledge of Allegiance:

Chair Storm led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Oral Communications:

There were no public comments.

5. Consent Calendar:

A. Approve the February 7, 2019 Meeting Minutes:

Chair Storm made a motion to approve the February 7, 2019 meeting minutes. Commissioner Huynh seconded the motion. With a vote of 4-Ayes, 0-Noes, 1-Abstained (Huynh), 0-Absent, the motion was passed.

6. Action Item:

A. Reconsider Recommending for Approval by the Board of Directors, the 2019 Water Conservation Public Outreach Event Schedule:

Mr. Breen introduced this item. Mr. Lord reviewed the event schedule and noted that one way of determining how effective the outreach programs are, is when customers request rebates, to inquire how they learned about the rebate program.

Commissioner Babcock made a motion to forward the 2019 Water Conservation Public Outreach Event Schedule to the Board of Directors for approval. Commissioner Walton seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Commissioner Babcock	-	Yes	Commissioner Clark	-	Yes
Commissioner Walton	-	Yes	Chair Storm	-	Yes
Commissioner Huynh	-	Yes			

7. Staff Reports:

A. Receive the Validated 2017 Water Loss Audit Report and Level 1 Validation Document:

Mr. Lord introduced this item. He reviewed the 2017 Water Loss Report and discussed the recommendations made by the third-party validator. There was discussion on meter calibration and reliability, as well as moving to digital meters.

8. Commission Member Requests for Future Agenda Items:

A. Receive a Listing of Requested Future Agenda Items:

Mr. Breen introduced this item and explained that this list was so that the Commission and staff can keep track of the requested items.

Commissioner Babcock asked if there were certain materials that were more addressed to drought conditions and if they were only handed out at certain times of the year. Mr. Lord answered that they would be looking at the conservation materials later this year. Chair Storm noted that they were to receive an update on Cal Am slant wells. He also said that he would like to see sewage sustainability on the list. Chair Storm asked when they would have a schedule of when these items would be presented. Mr. Breen said that the next time they look at this item, they would provide a five-month outlook of anticipated items.

9. Commissioner's Comments:

Commissioner Walton commented that there was a Marina Planning Commission meeting regarding the Cal Am slant wells later that evening at Marina Council Chambers. Mr. Lord noted that he would be at the Cars in the Park event on March 23<sup>rd</sup> in case anyone was interested in helping out. Chair Storm suggested getting address information from the booth attendees.

Chair Storm said that he had developed a metric to calculate water savings with regards to the rebate program and he would send it to Mr. Breen to look at.

Commissioner Huynh suggested giving out drought tolerant plants at the events instead of other items. Commissioner Babcock agreed that it would be great to change things up and keep it fresh.

Ms. Grossman, CSUMB student, commented that she had attended an event where they had an area for people to create their own terrarium with succulents. Ms. Wild commented that succulents are very popular right now and by giving those out at events is a non-confrontational way of communicating with people, but also allows them to approach the booth if they have questions or want more information.

Mr. Lord said that he was just reading a landscape study that talked about the importance and value of transforming from lawns to low-water use landscaping. Chair Storm asked that he send it out to everyone.

Vice Chair Clark asked when the Commission was going to get more involved in important topics to go before the Board. He noted that staff has just been bringing them informational and filler items. Mr. Breen answered that staff would be the ones bringing things to the Commission for review or action as need be. Mr. Lord suggested that the Commission can review the Water Shortage Contingency Plan prior to it coming to them later this year.

Chair Storm gave a handout regarding commercial water usage and an excerpt of Commission Responsibilities.

10. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.