

Minutes  
Water Conservation Commission

April 4, 2019

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 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:

None

3. Pledge of Allegiance:

Chair Storm led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Oral Communications:

Commissioner Huynh asked if there was a way to get the message out to the East Garrison community that landscapes don't need to be watered seven days a week.

5. Consent Calendar:

A. Approve the March 7, 2019 Meeting Minutes:

Vice Chair Clark asked that page 3 of the minutes clarify Ms. Grossman as a CSUMB student.

Vice Chair Clark made a motion to approve the March 7, 2019 meeting minutes as corrected. Commissioner Walton seconded the motion. With a vote of 5-Ayes, 0-Noes, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent, the motion was passed.

6. Staff Reports:

A. Receive a Report on HE Toilet Rebates:

Mr. Lord introduced this item. He reviewed the history of the toilet rebate program and the different trends over the years. The Commission asked several questions including the following: how many rebates per house; is the rebate information is available at the stores; are all houses eligible, including new houses; are the forms were available in Spanish; how often can a homeowner get a rebate; and, can we ask on the rebate form how many people live in the house.

Commissioner Huynh requested staff bring back the HE toilet rebate procedures with the requirement for replacement by an ultra high efficiency toilet. Vice Chair Clark would like to see rebates for only 1.0 or 0.8 gallon ultra high efficiency toilets. Chair Storm asked to see the options of focusing on the ultra high efficiency toilet rebates, as well as the current rebate, and making sure there is sufficient budget for other ways to save water. Commissioner Babcock asked to see the District offer the rebate forms in Spanish. Chair Storm asked to have additional space on the rebate form that asks more information about home fixtures, including reverse osmosis and landscaping systems.

7. Commission Member Requests for Future Agenda Items:

A. Receive a Listing of Requested Future Agenda Items:

Chair Storm said that he would still like to see the retrofit metrics that he had previously requested as well as an item on wastewater sustainability.

8. Commissioner's Comments:

Commissioner Babcock commented that she was excited to be here and a part of this Commission.

Chair Storm commented that the "Save our Water" website link was broken on the District website. He said that there was some good information in the FAQ's on the District website. Chair Storm thanked Vice Chair Clark for his help at the "Cars in the Park" public event.

Vice Chair Clark thanked Chair Storm for also helping at the event.

Commissioner Huynh asked if the laboratory staff would be attending a meeting to discuss water quality. Mr. Breen answered that staff would check into it.

Commissioner Walton thanked staff for their hard work.

9. Adjournment:

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