

Minutes
Water Conservation Commission

May 2, 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
Bill Huynh

Commission Members Absent:

Audra Walton

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:

No comments were made.

5. Consent Calendar:

A. Approve the April 4, 2019 Meeting Minutes:

Vice Chair Clark noted that the comments he made under Item 6-A on page 2 of the minutes, were his personal views.

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

6. Action Items:

- A. Consider Recommending for Approval by the Board of Directors the FY 2019-2020 Conservation Budget:

Mr. Lord introduced this item. The Commission asked clarifying questions on advertising, urinal rebates and available grants for rebates. Commissioner Huynh suggested sending out a flyer with rebate and conservation information annually, perhaps in a spring newsletter.

Commissioner Babcock made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve the FY 2019-2020 Conservation Budget. Commissioner Huynh seconded the motion. With a vote of 4-Ayes, 0-Noes, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Walton), the motion was passed.

- B. Consider Recommending Forwarding the Central Coast Long-term Environmental Assessment Report to the District's Community Outreach Committee for Review and Possible Action:

Mr. Breen introduced this item. Chair Storm shared information he received regarding wastewater sustainability and being good ambassadors to the Community. Discussion regarding wastewater contaminants, who should promote pollutant free wastewater, and how it should be promoted, followed.

Commissioner Babcock made a motion to table this item until next meeting to allow staff to bring back more information for discussion. Vice Chair Clark seconded the motion. With a vote of 4-Ayes, 0-Noes, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Walton), the motion was passed.

7. Staff Reports:

- A. Receive a Report on HE Toilet Rebate Program:

Mr. Lord introduced this item noting that the Commission was being asked to receive information and make suggestions to the HE Toilet Rebate Program.

Following discussion, the Commission made the following recommendations to staff's list of options:

- Make no modifications to the rebate program: the Commission disagreed with this option.
- Increase the maximum incentive for UHETS over HET's, from \$125 to \$150: the Commission agreed to keep the rebate incentive at \$125.
- Reduce the maximum rebate for HET's below UHET's, from \$125 to \$75: the Commission agreed to lower the maximum rebate for HET to \$75.
- Eliminate the incentive for HET's and only incentivize UHET's at \$125: the Commission disagreed with this option.
- Requiring all toilets be WaterSense certified and/or Maximum Performance (MaP) tested: the Commission agreed that all toilets need to be WaterSense or MaP tested.

Agenda Item 7-A (continued):

- Provided rebates only when all toilets at a site are retrofitted (reduces freeridership): the Commission couldn't agree on this item. It will be discussed further at the next meeting.

B. Receive a Report on the Hot Water Recirculation Pump Rebate Program:

Mr. Lord introduced this item and provided background on the Hot Water Recirculation Pump Rebate Program. The Commission discussed the application form and questionnaire and perhaps using an online survey for rebate customers.

C. Receive Updated Gallons Per Capita Day (GPCD), Water Production, and Water Consumption Data:

Mr. Lord introduced this item and reviewed water production and consumption over the last three months. He noted that the first quarter of 2019 had one of the lowest production and consumption numbers over the last eleven years. Vice Chair Clark asked that staff use colors that are easier to differentiate and make the legend larger so it's easier to read. Chair Storm suggested a chart showing cumulative average distribution that shows water usage within the categories. He said he had some information he would share with staff.

8. Commission Member Requests for Future Agenda Items:

Vice Chair Clark commented that he would like to promote upcoming events.

Chair Storm said that he had previously submitted items and had shared a retrofit initiative spreadsheet with staff. Mr. Breen said he would meet with Chair Storm later to discuss these items.

9. Commissioner's Comments:

Commissioner Huynh thanked staff for explaining the toilet retrofit program.

Chair Storm thanked Vice Chair Clark for his help at the birthday event. He also thanked his fellow Commissioners, staff, and the public for their time and contributions.

10. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.