

Minutes
Water Conservation Commission

June 6, 2019

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

Commission Members Present:

Shawn Storm, P.E. – Chair
Phil Clark – Vice Chair
Sarah Babcock
Bill Huynh
Audra Walton – arrived at 5:39 p.m.

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:

Leslie Savelberg, MPUSD Teacher

3. Pledge of Allegiance:

Chair Storm led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Oral Communications:

No comments were made.

5. Consent Calendar:

A. Approve the May 2, 2019 Meeting Minutes:

Vice Chair Clark made a motion to approve the May 2, 2019 meeting minutes. Chair Storm 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 Adoption of Resolution No. 2019-xx to Authorize the General Manager to Sign a Memorandum of Understanding between Marina Coast Water District and the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District Regarding the In-School Water Conservation Education Program:

Mr. Lord introduced this item and Ms. Leslie Savelberg. Ms. Savelberg gave a presentation on her experiences with the school students and the water education program.

Commissioner Walton arrived at 5:39 p.m.

Chair Storm asked if Ms. Savelberg included wastewater discussion in her classroom activities with the children. She affirmed that she did briefly discuss where wastewater goes and not to pour things down the drain.

Mr. Lord explained what was expected of the Commission regarding this item. Mr. Breen added that there was a financial cost to this program and the Commission needed to decide if they wanted it forwarded to the Board for approval.

Vice Chair Clark made a motion to recommend adoption of Resolution No. 2019-xx to Authorize the General Manager to Sign a Memorandum of Understanding between Marina Coast Water District and the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District Regarding the In-School Water Conservation Education Program. Commissioner Huynh seconded the motion. With a vote of 5-Ayes, 0-Noes, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent, the motion was passed.

Commissioner Babcock suggested looking into having CSUMB students in the Service-Learning Program help Ms. Savelberg with the classes.

- B. Consider Recommending Revisions to the Policy for the High-Efficiency Toilet Rebate Program for Board of Directors Adoption:

Mr. Breen introduced this item and noted that Mr. Lord had proposed additional language to the High-Efficiency Toilet (HET) rebate program to encourage customers to replace all the toilets in their home. Mr. Lord gave a presentation showing the different options for the Commission to vote on. Discussion followed.

Chair Storm made a motion to provide: 1) a rebate of \$100 for ultra-high efficiency (UHET) toilets only, and if it's the last UHET, a higher rebate of \$200; and, 2) a rebate of \$200 to retrofit a conventional urinal with a water-free urinal, and if it's the last or only water-free urinal, a higher rebate of \$300. Commissioner Huynh seconded the motion.

The motion did not include a rebate for HET retrofit. Discussion followed.

Agenda Item 6-B (continued):

Commissioner Huynh made a substitute motion to provide: 1) a rebate of \$50 for HET, and if it's the last HET or UHET, a maximum rebate of \$75; 2) a rebate of \$100 for UHET toilets, and if it's the last UHET, a higher rebate of \$200; and, 3) a rebate of \$200 to retrofit a conventional urinal with a water-free urinal, and if it's the last or only water-free urinal, a higher rebate of \$300. Commissioner Babcock seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Babcock called the question. With a vote of 3-Ayes, 2-Noes (Storm, Clark), 0-Abstained, 0-Absent, the substitute motion was passed.

7. Commission Member Requests for Future Agenda Items:

Mr. Breen said he would bring back Chair Storm's request for the wastewater sustainability discussion, and there would be discussion on one or two more conservation programs. Commissioner Babcock asked to discuss the landscape rebate program.

8. Commissioner's Comments:

Chair Storm thanked fellow Commissioners, staff, and the public for their time and contributions.

9. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.