

Minutes  
Water Conservation Commission

August 1, 2019

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

Commission Members Present:

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

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:

No comments were made.

5. Consent Calendar:

A. Approve the July 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes:

Vice Chair Clark noted that the July minutes had Commissioner Walton as absent when it should have been Commissioner Babcock. Vice Chair Clark made a motion to approve the July 11, 2019 meeting minutes with the amendment. Chair Storm seconded the motion.

Agenda Item 5-A (continued):

The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

6. Action Item:

A. Consider Approval of Proposed Landscape Incentive Program Changes:

Mr. Lord introduced this item and reviewed the proposed changes made at the last meeting.

Vice Chair Clark made a motion to approve the proposed Landscape Incentive Program changes. Commissioner Walton seconded the motion.

Chair Storm stated that he would like to suggest a few additional changes. He would like to see the following additions:

- Require a flow rate interlock and pressure reducing valve for landscape with more than four to six stations, and provide an incentive;
- In the documentation process, suggest adding gopher wire/mesh when putting in lawns;
- If a Rain Catchment system is over 250 gallons, require that it be connected to at least one toilet.

Mr. Lord stated that there was testing going on in the region regarding using rainwater for toilets, but it ultimately comes down to the Health Department issuing a permit for its use.

Chair Storm said he would like to see incentives for flow control switches and master valves. Mr. Breen stated staff would look into incentives for flow control switches and master valves as well as rain-to-toilet and bring it back.

Chair Storm made a motion to table this item. Commissioner Huynh seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

7. Staff Reports:

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

Mr. Lord introduced this item and reviewed the water use through June 2019. Discussion followed.

B. Review the High-Efficiency Clothes Washer Rebate Program:

Mr. Lord introduced this item and gave a brief background of the current program. Chair Storm suggested to increase the adoption rate by eliminating the rebates for clothes washers with a 3.0 and higher water factor and increasing the rebate for clothes washers with a 2.9 or lower water factor to \$250.

Commissioner Babcock noted a typo on the rebate form. Mr. Lord said staff would correct it.

8. Commission Member Requests for Future Agenda Items:

Chair Storm noted that staff has a list of his requests.

9. Commissioner's Comments:

Commissioner Walton thanked staff for bringing this information to them.

Chair Storm thanked Vice Chair Clark for his support at the Fort Ord Clean-Up.

Mr. Lord stated that the District would have a booth at the Monterey County Fair on August 31st and the water conservation education teacher would be on hand with a few tabletop exercises.

10. Adjournment:

Chair Storm thanked staff, the Commission, and the public for their time and contributions. He noted the next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, September 5th at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.