

Minutes
Water Conservation Commission
February 4, 2016

1. Call to Order/Introduction:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Commission members Grace Silva-Santella (arrived at 5:35 p.m.), Bethany Taylor, Charlie Eskridge, David Brown, Jim Felton, JoAnn Cannon, Bill Lee, and Colleen Courtney were present. Audie Robinson had notified staff that he was going to be absent from the meeting. Paul Lord and Paula Riso were present from staff.

2. Public Comments on Any Item Not on the Agenda:

None.

3. Action to Approve the January 7, 2016 Meeting Minutes:

Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Felton seconded the motion. With a vote of 4-Ayes, 0-Noes, 2-Absent (Silva-Santella, Robinson), 3-Abstentions (Taylor, Lee, Brown), the motion was passed.

4. Receive an Update on the In-School Water Conservation Education Program:

Mr. Lord provided a brief update stating that the school district has received several applications and interviews are being conducted. In the meantime, staff has been attempting to reach out to the local elementary schools with pamphlets and items geared to conservation.

Chair Silva-Santella arrived at 5:35 p.m.

5. Continued Group Discussion about 2016 Commission Objectives and Goals:

Mr. Lord introduced this item and the Commission discussed goals for 2016. Commissioner Cannon noted that she would be willing to work with CSUMB on Service Learning Projects and work with Vice Chair Robinson reaching out to the commercial sector. Commissioner Courtney suggested expanding outreach efforts to customers, especially regarding the rain barrel incentives. Councilmember Brown agreed with the expansion of rebates. Chair Silva-Santella suggested building up email distribution, and, moving forward on laundry to landscape graywater incentives.

Regarding events throughout the year, Commissioner Cannon stated that she would like all the Commissioners to consider walking in the Labor Day Parade. Commissioner Felton stated that he would help at Earth Day. Commissioner Courtney stated she would be available to help at the CSUMB Earth Day. Commissioner Eskridge stated that he would help at the Light in the Night and International Flavors events. Chair Silva-Santella noted that she would help at the Marina Tree and Garden meetings.

Commissioner Courtney suggested compiling a list of the events for the year and have everyone sign up for them. Some other events suggested were National Night Out, PTA, Churches, and the Fall Carnival at Olsen School.

Commissioner Cannon left the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Noting that Director Lee needed to leave at 6:30, Chair Silva-Santella moved to Item 9.

9. Receive Update on Board/District Activities:

Director Lee commented that the Board is considering proposals for Public Relations and Community Outreach at the next meeting. He also said there was a vacancy on the Board with the resignation of Peter Le. Director Lee commented that there were two applicants for the vacancy and the Board was unable to get a majority vote to appoint either one, so it will now go to the November election to be resolved.

Director Lee and Commissioner Courtney left the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

6. Receive Updated GPCD, Water Production, and Water Consumption Data:

Mr. Lord reviewed information on water production and consumption as of December 2015.

7. Overview and Comparison of Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) and Advanced Meter Infrastructure (AMI):

Mr. Lord showed web demonstrations on how the two systems worked. He explained that the District has AMR meters throughout the service area and if it decided to change to the AMI system, only the register part of the meter would need to be changed out. Mr. Lord explained that it could be costly by the time repeater towers were installed and all meters changed out, but it was still an option for the District.

Councilmember Brown left the meeting at 7:14 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned for lack of a quorum.

8. Review and Propose Agenda Items for the March 3, 2016 WCC Meeting and Future Meetings:

This item was not discussed.

10. Receive Comments from Commission Members:

None.

11. Adjournment:

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