

Draft Minutes
Water Conservation Commission
January 7, 2016

1. Call to Order/Introduction:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Commission members Grace Silva-Santella, Audie Robinson, Charlie Eskridge, Jim Felton, JoAnn Cannon, and Colleen Courtney were present. Bethany Taylor and David Brown had notified staff that they were going to be absent from the meeting. Paul Lord and Paula Riso were present from staff. It was noted that MCWD Director, Peter Le, resigned from his position on the Board.

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

None.

3. Action to Approve the December 3, 2015 Meeting Minutes:

Councilmember Courtney made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Eskridge seconded the motion. With a vote of 5-Ayes, 0-Noes, 2-Absent (Brown, Taylor), 1-Abstention (Cannon), the motion was passed.

4. Receive an Update on Resolution No. 2016-xx to Approve Expenditures for Rainwater Catchment Rebates:

Mr. Lord stated that management decided to include rainwater catchment rebates in the budget under the rebate programs instead of bringing it separately to the Board for approval. The budget is anticipated to be approved and in place by beginning of fiscal year 2016/2017, and incentives will be available shortly thereafter. Mr. Lord did note that it was decided that homemade collection systems would be eligible for incentives provided they meet the District standards; and, hose bib backflow devices would be acceptable to meet District standards.

Chair Silva-Santella moved to Item 6 and noted that they would return to Item 5 after reviewing the video.

6. View Water Conservation Video Produced by Service Learning Student Ryan Blackman:

Mr. Lord introduced this item and explained how the Service Learning student, Ryan Blackman, had created several videos regarding water conservation. The Commission watched one of the videos created by Mr. Blackman and offered several possible improvements to the video. One suggestion was to have CSUMB play the videos on their campus channel to reach more students. The Commission suggested sending a thank-you to Mr. Blackman for his hard work on the video.

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

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

7. Group Discussion about 2016 Commission Objectives and Goals:

The Commission reviewed a list of achievements they had accomplished in 2015 and discussed goals for 2016.

For 2016 goals, the Commission talked about recognizing homeowners for updating landscapes to be more water efficient; reviving the District newsletter; increase the e-blast recipient list; reach out to businesses; bring back ideas of events that Commissioners can attend as well as the dates of those events; bring back ideas of things Commissioners can do on their own; and, add items to the goal list.

8. Review and Propose Agenda Items for the February 4, 2016 WCC Meeting and Future Meetings:

It was agreed to bring back goals for 2016; to receive an update on the in-school education program; and AMI metering.

9. Receive Update on Board/District Activities:

No report.

10. Receive Comments from Commission Members:

None.

11. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.