



MARINA COAST WATER DISTRICT

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Agenda

Regular Meeting

Water Conservation Commission

Thursday, August 4, 2016, 5:30 PM

MCWD Board Room, 11 Reservation Road, Marina, CA

Water Conservation Commission Mission Statement

To provide input to the Board of Directors on matters pertaining to the preservation of the District's water resource through conservation, technological improvements and policy.

Commission Members

Chair - Grace Silva-Santella

Vice Chair - Audie Robinson

Jan Shriner (MCWD Board Representative)

Dave Brown (Marina City Council)

JoAnn Cannon (Public Member)

Jim Felton (Public Member)

Bethany Taylor (Public Member)

Charlie Eskridge (Public Member)

This meeting has been noticed according to the Brown Act rules. The Commission will receive information on, discuss, and may consider taking action or directing staff to return to the Board for action on items contained in this agenda. Some items are informational and are provided as a written report or verbal update and may not require Commission action.

1. Call to Order/Introduction
2. Public Comments on any item not on the Agenda. *Any person wishing to address the Commission on matters not appearing on the Agenda may do so at this time. Please limit your comment to three minutes. The public may comment on any other item(s) listed on the Agenda at the time the item(s) is considered by the Commission.*
3. Action to Approve the July 7, 2016 Meeting Minutes
4. Review Submitted Applications for Available Seats on the Water Conservation Commission and Consider Making Recommendations for Appointments to the Board.
5. Receive a Report on Board Consideration of Staff's Recommendation to Adopt a Resolution Declaring Water Conservation Stage 2
6. Review Proposed Agenda Items for the July 7, 2016 WCC Meeting and Future Meetings
7. Receive Update on Board/District Activities

8. Receive Comments from Commission Members

9. Adjournment

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Agenda Transmittal

Agenda Item: 3

Meeting Date: August 4, 2016

Prepared By: Paula Riso

Presented By: Paula Riso

Agenda Title: Action to Approve the July 7, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Background: *2014 Strategic Plan, Mission Statement - We Provide high quality water, wastewater collection and conservation services at a reasonable cost, through planning, management and the development of water resources in an environmentally sensitive manner.*

Discussion/Analysis: The draft minutes of July 7, 2016 are provided for the Commission to consider approval.

Environmental Review Compliance: None required.

Financial Impact: Yes No Funding Source/Recap: None

Other Considerations: The Commission can suggest changes/corrections to the minutes.

Material Included for Information/Consideration: Draft minutes of the July 7, 2015 meeting.

Action Required: Resolution Motion Review

Board Action

Motion By _____ Seconded By _____ No Action Taken _____

Ayes _____ Abstained _____

Noes _____ Absent _____

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Agenda Transmittal

Agenda Item: 4

Meeting Date: August 4, 2016

Prepared By: Paul Lord

Presented By: Jean Premutati

Agenda Title: Review Submitted Applications for Available Seats on the Water Conservation Commission and Consider Making Recommendations for Appointments

Background: *2016 Strategic Plan, Goal 1.7 - Review and update our water conservation program - We recognize that drinking water is one of the most precious resources on earth. We will assign this to the Water Conservation committee to review and update our water conservation program to ensure we are appropriately managing our water sources.*

Discussion/Analysis: Three public Water Conservation Commission terms end in August 2016. In addition, there is one commission seat currently vacant following the early departure of one public Commissioner in April of this year.

Staff modified the Water Conservation Commission Appointment Table (attached) in July to highlight the four vacancies that will be available after the August 4th, 2016 Commission meeting. One available seat is for 12-months in length, and three available seats are for 24-months in length. The Commissioner positions will start in September of 2016 and serve through August 2017, and August 2018.

The District has received five WCC applications for the four available seats. The Commissioners are asked to review the submitted applications and consider making recommendations for appointments. The Commission recommendation(s) will be considered by the Board of Directors at the August 15th Board meeting.

Environmental Review Compliance: None required.

Financial Impact: ___ Yes __X__ No Funding Source/Recap: None

Other Considerations: None.

Material Included for Information/Consideration: WCC Appointment Table, July 2016. Applications for Public Service Appointment for Charlie M Eskridge, Tom Britzman, Audie Robinson, Bethany Taylor, and Phil Clark.

Action Required: ___ Resolution __X__ Motion ___ Review

Board Action

Motion By _____ Seconded By _____ No Action Taken _____

Ayes _____ Abstained _____

Noes _____ Absent _____

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Staff Report

Agenda Item: 5

Meeting Date: August 4, 2016

Prepared By: Paul Lord
Reviewed By: Jean Premutati

Presented By: Jean Premutati

Subject: Receive a Report on Board Consideration of Staff's Recommendation to Adopt a Resolution Declaring Water Conservation Stage 2

Summary: On November 3, 2014, in response to the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) Emergency Mandatory Water Conservation Regulations, adopted on July 29, 2014, the District declared that some Stage 3 mandatory water use restrictions would go into effect. At that time, the District moved from Stage 1 to Stage 3 water use restrictions because the SWRCB's regulations mandated that local water districts declare a stage of its water shortage contingency plan that imposes mandatory restrictions on outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscapes or turf with potable water. The Stage 3 water use restrictions adopted by the District met that mandate by restricting the permitted landscape watering days to only Wednesdays and Saturdays.

On May 18, 2016, in recognition of differing water supply conditions across the state, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted a new statewide water conservation Emergency Regulations. The new Emergency Regulations no longer specifically requires each urban water supplier to implement a stage of its water shortage contingency plan that imposes mandatory restrictions on outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscapes or turf with potable water. A declaration of Stage 2 voluntary water use restrictions, with a Demand Reduction Goal of 20% and no mandatory restrictions on landscape watering, would continue to support aggressive conservation and water use efficiency while allowing more elasticity in water use practices in-line with the community's reliable water production capacity. Therefore, staff recommended that the Board of Directors consider approval of a resolution declaring a lower Water Conservation Stage 2, as allowed by the SWRCB's recent changes to the Emergency Mandatory Water Conservation Regulations.

At the past two monthly Water Conservation Commission meetings, commissioners considered staff's proposal that such a recommendation be made to the Board of Directors. The Commissioners expressed concerns of a possible increase in landscape water use without the mandatory two day per week restrictions. Therefore, their recommendation was that the District take no action at this time, and continue with the existing mandatory Stage 3 water use restrictions until February of 2017, when the SWRCB is scheduled to announced new water use efficiency targets.

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Agenda Item: 6

Meeting Date: August 4, 2016

Prepared By: Paul Lord
Reviewed By: Jean Premutati

Presented By: Jean Premutati

Subject: Review and Propose Agenda Items for the September 1, 2016 WCC Meeting and Future Meetings

Summary: The Commission is to review proposed agenda items for the September 1, 2016 meeting and may suggest new agenda items for future Water Conservation Commission meetings.

Suggested agenda items for the September 2016 Water Conservation Commission meeting include the following:

September

- Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the Water Conservation Commission
- Receive New Commissioner Orientation Information - Procedures for MCWD's Water Conservation Commission and an excerpt from the current MCWD Board Procedures Manual regarding the WCC.
- Update on GPCD, water production, and water consumption data
- Update on Upcoming Water Conservation Showcase event at the Monterey County Fair and the City of Marina Labor Day Parade and Festival

Future Meetings

- Review draft changes to the water conservation ordinance re: the requirement to retrofit to HE toilets upon resale of property
- Continued updates on GPCD, water production, and water consumption data
- Review, evaluate, and propose improvements to the High-Efficiency Toilet and Clothes Washer Rebate Programs
- Review, develop a proposal for a Laundry-to-Landscape Irrigation systems incentive
- Guest presentation
- Field trip to site of interest