

Minutes  
Water Conservation Commission

January 5, 2017

1. Call to Order/Introduction:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Commission members Charlie Eskridge, Tom Britzman, Phil Clark, Grace Silva-Santella, and Jan Shriner were present. Jim Felton, Bethany Taylor, and David Brown were absent. There are two vacant public positions. Margaret-Anne Coppernoll was present from the public. Paul Lord, Jean Premutati, and Paula Riso were present from staff.

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

None.

3. Elect Chair and Vice Chair of the Water Conservation Commission:

Following discussion, Commissioner Britzman recommended Commissioner Clark for Chair. Commissioner Silva-Santella seconded the recommendation. Commissioner Silva-Santella asked Commissioner Britzman if he would amend his motion to recommend Commissioner Clark for Chair and Commissioner Eskridge for Vice Chair. Commissioner Britzman amended his motion to include Commissioner Eskridge for Vice Chair. Commissioner Silva Santella seconded the amendment. With a vote of 5-Ayes, 0-Noes, 3-Absent (Felton, Taylor, Brown), the motion was passed.

4. Action to Approve the November 3, 2016 Meeting Minutes:

Commissioner Silva-Santella made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2016 meeting. Vice Chair Eskridge seconded the motion. With a vote of 5-Ayes, 0-Noes, 3-Absent (Felton, Brown, Taylor), the motion was passed.

5. Review 2017 WCC Goals and Objectives:

Mr. Lord introduced this item. The Commission discussed several goals and how they should be prioritized and perhaps setting up working groups to discuss certain goals. Suggestions by the Commission were to rename the spreadsheet to "Staff Actions/WCC Program Goals and Objectives"; adding a Garden Tour; and, to have all Commissioners list their top five priority items and email them to Mr. Lord by January 13, 2017.

6. Review Proposed Agenda Items for the February 2, 2017 WCC Meeting and Future Meetings:

Mr. Lord introduced this item. In looking at the table for agenda items, the Commission agreed to move Topic #1 – Public Information/Public Events, from the June to the March agenda. Mr. Lord stated that the Water Shortage Contingency Plan will probably be moved up to the April meeting agenda.

7. Recognition of Community Member, Ms. JoAnn Cannon, for her Dedicated Service to the Marina Coast Water District as a Public Member on the Water Conservation Commission:

Mr. Lord introduced this item. Everyone signed a certificate of appreciation for Ms. JoAnn Cannon and staff will send it to her.

8. Recognition of Community Member, Mr. Audie Robinson, for his Dedicated Service to the Marina Coast Water District as a Public Member on the Water Conservation Commission:

Mr. Lord introduced this item. Everyone signed a certificate of appreciation for Mr. Audie Robinson and staff will send it to him.

9. Receive an Update on Changes to the Commission Membership Table:

Mr. Lord introduced this item. He explained that there were two vacancies on the Commission; Position #1 that expires in August 2017, and Position #7 that expires in August 2018. Following discussion, the Commission agreed to leave the number of Commission seats as is and not recommend changing the number of seats to the Board.

10. Review of Submitted Application for Available Seat on the Water Conservation Commission and Consider Making a Recommendation for Appointment to the Board:

Mr. Lord introduced this item and Margaret-Anne Coppernoll, who had submitted an application for a vacant seat on the Commission. Ms. Coppernoll gave a brief background of her personal and professional experience and interest in water. Mr. Lord stated that Ms. Coppernoll can be recommended for either of vacant seats, but he suggested recommending her for the Position #7 seat that ends in August 2018.

Vice Chair Eskridge recommended Ms. Coppernoll's application to be forwarded to the Board for consideration of filling the Position #7 seat. Commissioner Britzman seconded the recommendation. With a vote of 4-Ayes, 0-Noes, 1-Abstained, 3-Absent (Felton, Brown, Taylor), the recommendation was made.

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

Mr. Lord introduced this item and gave a brief update on the water production and consumption thru November 2016. Commissioner Britzman questioned some of the data regarding usage, meters, and population. Mr. Lord suggested Commissioner Britzman meet with him to discuss population numbers.

12. Receive an Update on the In-School Water Conservation Education Program's Memorandum of Understanding:

Mr. Lord introduced this item. He stated that the Memorandum of Understanding has been signed and the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District is now advertising for the teaching position. Mr. Lord said that although the District is funding the position, the teacher will be an employee of the School District.

Commissioner Silva-Santella left the meeting at 7:013 p.m.

13. Receive Update on Board/District Activities:

Director Shriner gave a brief update on the latest actions of the Board.

14. Receive Comments from Commission Members:

Commissioner Clark gave an update on the rainwater collection project and the amount of rainfall since October. Commissioner Britzman commented that new homes in East Garrison do not have front lawns.

15. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.