



MINUTES

Water Commission

Gerhardt Hubner, Commission Chair
Grant Burton, Commission Vice Chair
Don Mills, Commission Member
Scott McCarty, Commission Member

Robert McCord, Commission Member
Martin Feeney, Commission Member
Suzanne McCombs, Commission Member
Donald Jensen, Alternate Commission Member
Michael Anderson, Alternate Commission Member

REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019, 5:30PM

The Ventura Water Commission met in regular session at the Community Meeting Room, 501 Poli Street, Ventura, at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Feeney, Hubner, McCarty, McCombs, McCord, Mills, Alternate Commissioners Anderson and Jensen.

Absent: Commissioner Burton.

WATER COMMISSION ITEMS

1. MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the minutes of the November 13, 2018 regular session.

Commissioner McCarty moved to approve the recommendation with the revision to Agenda Item 2 to state that the Water Commission delay making a recommendation to City Council to participate in the California WaterFix Delta Conveyance Finance Authority until additional information becomes available. Commissioner Feeney seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Feeney, Hubner, McCarty, McCord, Mills and Alternate Commissioner Jensen.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: Commissioner McCombs.

Commission Chair Hubner declared the motion carried.

2. EXPAND SCOPE OF AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR CALIFORNIA WATER FIX

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Water Commission expand the scope of the Ad Hoc Committee for California WaterFix to include discussions of Ventura County's State Water Project allocation.

Members of the Public: None.

Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the recommendation.
Commissioner McCarty seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Feeney, McCarty, McCombs, McCord, Mills, Hubner and Alternate Commissioner Jensen.

NOES: None.

Commission Chair Hubner declared the motion carried.

3. FINANCIAL STATUS UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends to the Water Commission to receive this written report and oral presentation giving an overview of financial information for the Water and Wastewater Enterprise Funds.

Members of the Public: Mike Anderson, Duane Georgeson, Dan Cormode, and Burt Handy.

Commissioner McCord made a motion that Commission Chair Hubner draft a summary of all the comments made tonight considering the financial information including status of our CIP projects including where we're stalled and why we're stalled and also including current financial information not just refer to the CAFR that is over a year old to be brought to the next regular meeting. Commissioner McCarty seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Feeney, McCarty, McCombs, McCord, Mills, Hubner and Alternate Commissioner Jensen.

NOES: None.

Commission Chair Hubner declared the motion carried.

4. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Water Commission receive an oral update on the status of local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies.

Members of the Public: None

Informational only – No vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT SPEAKER

Mike Anderson.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Mills attended the Metropolitan Water Districts Southern California and Colorado River Aqueduct Tour. Commissioner Feeney discussed that Monterey Bay successfully received permission from the Public Utilities Commission for its Desalination Plant. Commission Chair Hubner thanked Water General Manager Kevin Brown for his service.

Per Government Code Section 54954.2(a), the Commissioner Communications section of the agenda provides the Water Commission the opportunity to ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, or make a brief report on his or her own activities.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

- California Water Fix progress may be affected by new California Governor Gavin Newsom who is also a proponent of a statewide water tax.
- Announcement of Kevin Brown vacating Water General Manager position as of Friday, January 25, 2019.
- Water Commission meeting scheduled for February 26, 2019 will be held in the Community Meeting Room at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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