

CITY OF VENTURA

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# VENTURA WATER COMMISSION MINUTES

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Grant Burton, Chair  
Susan Mulligan, Vice-Chair  
Nova Clite, Commissioner  
Gerhardt Hubner, Commissioner  
Suzanne McCombs, Commissioner  
Robert McCord, Commissioner

Susan Rungren, Ventura Water General Manager  
and Water Commission Secretary  
Miles Hogan, Assistant City Attorney  
Debra Gallegos, Administrative Assistant

**REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2020 5:30 P.M.  
COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM, 501 POLI STREET, VENTURA**

***Water Commission Purpose:*** Review and make advisory recommendations regarding water rates, water resources infrastructure projects in the five-year capital improvement program, the integrated water resources management plan, water supply options, the Urban Water Management Plan approval process, a water dedication and in-lieu fee requirement, and other water resource issues.

**Commissioner Chair Burton called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL – WATER COMMISSION**

Present: Commissioners Clite, Hubner, McCombs, McCord, Mulligan and Burton.

Absent: None.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**WATER COMMISSION ITEMS**

**1. MINUTES**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the minutes of the November 21, 2019 special meeting.

Members of the Public: None.

Commissioner Clite moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Mulligan seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Clite, Hubner, McCombs, Mulligan and Burton.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: Commissioner McCord.

Commission Chair Burton declared the motion carried.

**2. VENTURA RIVER LITIGATION UPDATE – ADJUCATION NOTIFICATION PROCESS PRESENTATION**

Staff recommends that the Water Commission receive this written report and a brief oral presentation from the City Attorney’s Office regarding the adjudication notification process in the Ventura River Litigation.

Members of the Public: None.  
**Informational Only – No Vote.**

**3. VENTURA WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY NPDES PERMIT**

Staff recommends that the Water Commission receive this written report and oral update on the Ventura Water Reclamation Facility National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit.

*Commissioners Hubner, McCombs and Mulligan requested that this item come back with a discussion of high-level overview of the Permit, costs of the Permit renewal process and costs of new requirements imposed by the Permit.*

Members of the Public: None.  
**Informational Only – No Vote.**

**4. UPDATE ON NETZERO REVISIONS**

Staff recommends that the Water Commission receive an update and provide comments on policy considerations for Net Zero Fee Revisions as requested by City Council on October 14, 2019.

*Commissioner Clite requested a staff briefing on the Net Zero Policy.*

Members of the Public: None.  
**Informational Only – No Vote.**

**5. 2020 COMPREHENSIVE WATER RESOURCES REPORT DISCUSSION**

Staff recommends that the Water Commission receive this written report and an oral presentation, and provide staff direction, on the development of the 2020 Comprehensive Water Resources Report.

Members of the Public: None.  
**Informational Only – No Vote.**

**6. TENTATIVE WATER COMMISSION SCHEDULE FOR 2020**

Staff recommends the Water Commission review and receive the Water Commission Tentative Schedule through December 2020.

General Manager Rungren discussed the proposed rates schedule.

Commissioners requested items for updates on the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Project, the State Water Interconnection Project, and the Ventura Water Pure Project.

Members of the Public: None.  
**Informational Only – No Vote.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Chair Burton discussed positive customer service from Ventura Water staff regarding a leak issue at his property.

**GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

On December 2, 2019 City Council approved an Ordinance for the Water Shutoff Protection Act.

On December 9, 2019 City Council approved the Waterwise Professional Service Agreement for the Turf Replacement and Irrigation Retrofit Program.

On January 13, 2020 City Council approved a contract for the 2020 Ventura Water Cost of Service and Rate Design Study.

On January 27, 2020 City Council approved the Utilization of the City's State Water 2020 Carryover that authorized the sale of 1,000 AF of the City's 2020 State Water Carryover to United Water Conservation District in exchange for \$53,470 (\$53.47/AF).

**ADJOURNMENT: 6:50 P.M.**