

CITY OF VENTURA

VENTURA WATER COMMISSION MINUTES

Gerhardt Hubner, Chair
Grant Burton, Vice-Chair
Martin Feeney, Commissioner
Don Mills, Commissioner
Scott McCarty, Commissioner
Suzanne McCombs, Commissioner
Robert McCord, Commissioner
Michael Anderson, Alternate Commissioner

Susan Rungren, Water General Manager
Miles Hogan, Assistant City Attorney
Debra Martinez, Recording Secretary

**REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019, 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.

ROLL CALL – WATER COMMISSION

Present: Commissioners Hubner, McCarty, McCombs, McCord and Mills.

Absent: Commissioner Burton, Feeney and Alternate Commissioner Anderson. *

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
WATER COMMISSION ITEMS**

1. STATE WATER INTERCONNECTION PROJECT DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Staff recommends to the Water Commission to receive this written report and an oral presentation on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the State Water Interconnection Project.

Members of the Public: Mike Anderson, Dan Cormode, Duane Georgeson, Deborah Meya-Morris and Spencer Noren.

Informational Only – No Vote

*Alternate Commissioner Mike Anderson arrived at 5:41.

2. MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the minutes of the January 22, 2019 regular session.

Members of the Public: None.

Commissioner McCombs moved to approve the recommendation.
Commissioner Mills seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Commissioners McCarty, McCombs, McCord, Mills, and Hubner.

NOES: None.

Commission Chair Hubner declared the motion carried.

3. RECOMMENDATION FOR UTILIZATION OF THE CITY'S STATE WATER ALLOCATION FOR 2019

RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests that the Water Commission make a recommendation to City Council regarding the Interim Utilization of the City's State Water Allocation for 2019.

Members of the Public: Burt Handy.

Commissioner McCarty moved that the Water Commission recommend to City Council:

- The City may execute an agreement for a one year transfer with SGPWA.
- SGPWA pays the City 50 to 100 percent of its reimbursable 2019 State Water Entitlement capital costs estimated at \$1.1 Million.
- Requires approval of DWR.
- Requires non-objection agreements from Casitas and County of Ventura.

Commissioner McCombs seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Commissioners McCarty, McCombs, McCord, Mills, and Hubner.

NOES: None.

Commission Chair Hubner declared the motion carried.

4. DRAFT LETTER TO THE VENTURA CITY COUNCIL REQUESTING THEIR ASSISTANCE

RECOMMENDATION

1. Receive draft Letter (Attachment No. 1); and
2. After receiving feedback from the Commission and the public, direct the Chair to finalize and submit the Letter to the Ventura City Council.

Members of the public: Brian Brennan, Duane Georgeson, Mike Anderson, and Dan Cormode.

Commissioner McCombs motioned that the letter be presented amended with the substitution of the language provided by Commissioner Mills and be presented to the City Council. Commissioner McCarty seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Commissioners McCarty, McCombs, McCord, Mills, and Hubner.

NOES: None.

Commission Chair Hubner declared the motion carried.

5. TENTATIVE WATER COMMISSION SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Water Commission review and receive the Water Commission Schedule through August 2019.

Members of the Public: None.

Informational Only – No Vote

PUBLIC COMMENT: Burt Handy and Dan Cormode.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner McCombs provided the Commissioners with a summary of financial questions and related responses along with copies of the CAFR's for the previous five years for the Water and Wastewater enterprise fund - Document presented 15 pages. Commissioner Mills requests to receive information on the possibility of recording and televising the Water Commission meetings in order to improve communications to be brought back in the future.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

- The Interim General Manager recommended that the Commissioners review the report and presentation given at the February 25, 2019 City Council meeting about Capital Improvement Projects, Budgets and PERS.
- Ventura Water has contracted with Water Systems Consultants for Public Outreach for VenturaWaterPure and other supply projects.
- Ventura Water was awarded a \$2.5 million Grant from the Bureau of Reclamation for the Potable Reuse Supply Project.

- City Council will be presented with a report from the City Clerk regarding an update on Council Advisory Groups scheduled for March 18, 2019.
- VenturaWaterPure Draft Environmental Impact Report may be out next week and will be presented at the March Water Commission meeting.
- A Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2019 to discuss the Draft Ordinance on the Oxnard Plain Basin Allocation.
- Water General Manager and Assistant General Manager recruitments have been posted and are scheduled to close at the end of March.
- Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency has approved the boundary modification and a Request For Proposals is in process for the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) consulting service. The next meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2019.
- Santa Paula Basin has a meeting scheduled February 28, 2019. The basin boundary modification is completed, and a Draft 2017 Annual Report will be discussed. The Santa Paula Technical Advisory Committee is currently working on a triggers report.
- Upper Ventura River Groundwater Sustainability Agency will be discussing the extraction fee development and technical support at their meeting scheduled for March 14, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:30 PM