



MINUTES

Water Commission

Suzanne McCombs, Commission Chair
Gerhardt Hubner, Commission Vice Chair
Don Mills, Commission Member
Scott McCarty, Commission Member

Robert McCord, Commission Member
Martin Feeney, Commission Member
Grant Burton, Commission Member
Donald Jensen, Alternate Commission Member

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2018

The Ventura Water Commission met in regular session at the Community Meeting Room, 501 Poli Street, Ventura, at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Alternate Commissioner Jensen.

WATER COMMISSION ITEMS

1. WATER COMMISSION MEMBER UPDATE

SPEAKER

Staff: Susan Rungren, Acting Assistant General Manager

2. MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the minutes of the January 23, 2018 regular session.

SPEAKER

Staff: Susan Rungren, Acting Assistant General Manager

Members of the public: None.

Commissioner Burton moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Hubner seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

NOES: None.

Commission Chair McCombs declared the motion carried.

3. BILLING ADJUSTMENTS FOR WATER USE RELATED TO THE THOMAS FIRE

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Water Commission receive an update from Ventura Water staff regarding recent policy actions regarding billing adjustments for residential water use related to the Thomas Fire.

SPEAKER

Staff: Mary Landis, Water Resources Account Supervisor

Members of the public: None.

4. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCIES (GSA) UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Water Commission review and receive this written report and receive an oral update on the status of local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs).

SPEAKER

Staff: Jennifer Tribo, Management Analyst II

Members of the public: None.

Commissioner Feeney moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Burton seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

NOES: None.

Commission Chair McCombs declared the motion carried.

5. DROUGHT STATUS

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Water Commission receive this written report and a presentation on the status of the drought and water shortage.

SPEAKER

Staff: Monica Noeng, Environmental Services Specialist

Members of the public: Daniel Cormode.

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

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

NOES: None.

Commission Chair McCombs declared the motion carried.

6. STATEWATER ALLOCATION 2018

RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests that the Water Commission make a recommendation to City Council regarding the Interim Utilization of the City's State Water entitlement for 2018.

SPEAKER

Staff: Susan Rungren, Acting Assistant General Manager

Members of the public: Mauricio Guardado, Dan Naumann, and Robert Eranio.

Commissioner McCombs moved to approve with the recommendation to City Council that we pursue a 1 year exchange with SGPWA to the extent that the City can achieve the minimum reimbursement of 1 million dollars, with the proviso that the City have the opportunity to recover 40% of the water exchanged over a ten year period, with the understanding that it requires an approval from DWR and non-objection agreements from Casitas and the Ventura County Watershed Protection District. Commissioner Burton seconded. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Feeney, Burton, McCord, and McCombs.

NOES: Commissioners Mills, and Hubner.

ABSTAIN: Commissioner McCarty.

Commission Chair McCombs declared the motion carried.

8. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

Wastewater Collections received the CWEA Tri County Award for Wastewater Collection Systems.

Water received an award for the Merrito outreach program from the CWEA.

SPEAKER

Staff: Susan Rungren, Acting Assistant General Manager

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Burt Handy.

Documents: File Copy – Non-Complying Document.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

*Agenda Item 7 removed from agenda

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