

CITY OF VENTURA

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# VENTURA WATER COMMISSION MINUTES

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**Gerhardt Hubner**  
Commissioner Chair

**Robert McCord**  
Commissioner Vice-Chair

**Nova Clite**  
Commissioner

**Suzanne McCombs**  
Commissioner

**Susan Mulligan**  
Commissioner

**William Ackerman**  
Commissioner

**Grant Burton**  
Commissioner

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

## REGULAR MEETING

**TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 5:30 P.M.**

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE STAY AT HOME ORDER AND THE COUNTY OF VENTURA HEALTH OFFICER DECLARED LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY AND BE WELL AT HOME ORDER RESULTING FROM THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19), CITY HALL IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.**

***Water Commission conducted this meeting in accordance with California Governor Newsom's Executive Orders N-20-20 and N-35-20 and COVID-19 pandemic protocols.***

**Commission Chair Hubner called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.**

### **ROLL CALL – WATER COMMISSION**

**Present:** Commissioners Ackerman, Clite, McCombs, Mulligan, McCord and Hubner.  
(all via teleconference/video conference)

**Absent:** Commissioner Burton.

### **WATER COMMISSION ITEMS**

#### **1. MINUTES**

Approve the minutes of the February 23, 2021 Regular meeting.

Members of the Public: None.

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

AYES: Commissioners Ackerman, Clite, McCombs, Mulligan, and Hubner.  
NOES: None.  
ABSTAIN: Commissioner McCord.

Commissioner Chair Hubner declared the motion carried, 5-0.

## **2. FINANCIAL STATUS UPDATE**

Staff recommends that the Water Commission receive this written report and an oral presentation on financial information for Ventura Water's Operating Program and for both the Water and Wastewater Enterprise Funds.

Members of the Public: Burt Handy.

No Vote.

## **3. VENTURA RIVER LITIGATION UPDATE**

Staff recommends that the Water Commission receive this written report and a brief oral presentation regarding the proposed Physical Solution in the Ventura River Litigation.

Members of the Public: Tiernan Dolan.

No Vote.

## **4. 2021 DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE WATER RESOURCES REPORT**

Staff recommends that the Water Commission receive this written report and an oral presentation, and provide comments, on the 2021 Draft Comprehensive Water Resources Report.

Members of the Public: Burt Handy.

No Vote.

## **5. SCHEDULE A SPECIAL MEETING FOR MARCH 30, 201**

Staff recommends the Water Commission approve holding a Special Meeting on March 30, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Members of the Public: None.

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

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

NOES: None.  
ABSTAIN: Commissioner McCord.

Commissioner Chair Hubner declared the motion carried, 5-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Burt Handy.

**COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS:** Commissioner Chair Hubner mentioned upcoming State Water Resources Control Board seminars regarding Ventura River studies and the Direct Potable Reuse Framework.

**GENERAL MANAGER REPORT:**

Outreach –

- Proposition 218 Notices
- Staff has been providing rates presentations to various groups.

Staffing Update -

- Finance and Technology Department (F&T) – Management Analyst position filled, meeting to go over duties, etc.
- Water Utility Manager recruitment open (D3/T3 requirements)

**Past Council Info.**

**Council Action 3/8/2021 –**

Reconfirming the Existence of a Local Emergency and Extending it Until May 11, 2021  
Approval for two additional VenturaWaterPure Positions - an Engineer and a Secretary position

**Council Action 3/22/2021 –**

- Public Works awarded the construction contract for the Waterline Replacement – Pierpont Lanes, Devon and Weymouth
- Approved Contract Extension for the VWRf Digester Improvement Project
- Adopted the Second Year of the FY 2020-2026 CIP
- Received Proposed Water and Wastewater Rates for FY 2022-2026 and authorized Proposition 218 Noticing
- Submittal of Final Map for Tract 5632-2 and 5632-3: 85 AF of water rights in the Santa Paula Basin

**ADJOURNMENT: 8:02 P.M.**