

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, Administrative Assistant

REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 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 Feeney, Mills, McCarty, McCombs, McCord, Burton, Hubner and Alternate Commissioner Anderson.

Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WATER COMMISSION ITEMS

1. **[VENTURA WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT](#)**

Staff recommends to the Water Commission to receive this written report and an oral presentation on the Ventura Water Supply Projects Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Members of the Public: Burt Handy, Jim Oliver, Joanie MacDonald, David W. Pies, Duane Georgeson, Daniel Cormode and Mike Anderson.

Written Submissions: Burt Handy – Power Point Presentation;
Daniel Cormode – emailed dated march 25, 2019

Informational Only – No Vote

Water Commission recessed at 7:05 P.M.

Water Commission reconvened at 7:10 P.M.

2. MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the minutes of the February 26, 2019 regular session.

SPEAKER

Members of the Public: None.

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

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Feeney and Burton.

Commission Chair Hubner declared the motion carried.

3. 2019 DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE WATER RESOURCES REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Water Commission:

- a) Receive this written report and an oral presentation on the Draft 2019 Comprehensive Water Resources Report (CWRR).
- b) Consider the following decision points and provide staff direction on the following:
 - Reorganization of Table 2-4
 - Water loss factor
 - Draft(s) and Final 2019 CWRR schedule

Members of the Public: Lori Poole, Dan Cormode and Burt Handy.

Commissioner McCombs moved to approve recommendation “a” and agreed to the following decisions regarding “b”:

1. Leave Table 2-4 as presented.
2. Calculate Water loss factor using methodology three, from the Draft Calendar Year 2018 Water Loss Audit.
3. Extend the target date for comments to April 8, 2019.

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

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

NOES: None.

Commission Chair Hubner declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Johnson and Daniel Cormode.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Don Mills inquired about the request to add the Water Commission Rules of Procedure to a future agenda. Commissioner Chair Hubner confirmed the need to bring back the Rules of Procedure to the next meeting. Commissioner Vice Chair Grant Burton and the Chair Gerhardt Hubner both mentioned they attended Ventura Water's Annual "Water Take 1" event and commended staff as well as encouraged other Commissioners to attend the next event. Commissioner Bob McCord reported on the California WaterFix Joint AdHoc Committee meeting that was held on Monday, March 25, 2019. He stated that it was attended by representatives from the City of Ventura, County of Ventura, United Water Conservation District and Casitas Municipal Water District reporting that due to Governor Newsom's possible changes to the California WaterFix project, any action has been placed on hold. The AdHoc will reconvene in September.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

- The General Manager thanked the members of the Commission that attended the Water Take 1 event, Grant Burton and Gerhardt Hubner.
- The next Water Commission meeting agenda will include the discussion on the comments for the 2019 Draft Comprehensive Water Resources Report and the Water Commission Rules of Procedure.
- City Council approved an additional four engineers for the Public Works Department that will be dedicated to water projects.
- The City Clerk will be presenting an update on the Committees, Boards and Commissions on April 8, 2019. The General Manager encourages the Commissioners to attend.
- The Upper Ventura River Groundwater Sustainability Agency has a meeting on Thursday March 28, 2019 to discuss the budget and groundwater sustainability agency fees.
- On Thursday March 21, 2019 the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency approved a contract for support and auditing services.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:34 P.M.