

CITY OF VENTURA

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# VENTURA WATER COMMISSION MINUTES

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**Grant Burton**  
Commissioner Chair

**Susan Mulligan**  
Commissioner Vice-Chair

**Nova Clite**  
Commissioner

**Suzanne McCombs**  
Commissioner

**Gerhard Hubner**  
Commissioner

**Robert McCord**  
Commissioner

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

## REGULAR MEETING

**TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2020, 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 Vice Chair Mulligan called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.**

### **ROLL CALL – WATER COMMISSION**

Present: Commissioners Clite, Hubner, McCombs, McCord, and Mulligan (all via teleconference/video conference)  
Absent: Commissioner Burton.

### **WATER COMMISSION ITEMS**

#### **1. MINUTES**

Approve the minutes of the April 16, 2020 Special meeting.

Members of the Public: None.

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

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

NOES: None.

Commission Vice Chair Mulligan declared the motion carried, 5-0 with Commissioner Burton absent.

5:41 p.m. Commission Chair Burton joined the meeting (via teleconference/video conference).

## **2. WATER AND WASTEWATER 2020 RATE STUDY INTRODUCTION**

Staff recommends that the Water Commission receive this written report and an oral presentation by Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. on the 2020 Rate Study Overview for the Water and Wastewater Enterprise Funds.

Members of the Public: None.  
No vote.

*The Recording Secretary announced that Agenda Items 4 and 5 were pulled.*

## **3. RECOMMENDATION FOR UTILIZATION OF THE CITY'S STATE WATER PROJECT TABLE A ALLOCATION FOR 2020**

Staff requests that the Water Commission make a recommendation to City Council regarding the Utilization of the City's State Water Project Table A Allocation for 2020.

Members of the Public: None.

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

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

NOES: None.

Commission Chair Burton declared the motion carried, 6-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS:** Commissioner McCombs asked that the General Manager address if COVID-19 is affecting the current Capital Improvement Projects (CIP), if they are moving forward or are they delayed and comment on the concern about COVID-19 and if it has been detected in our wastewater. Susan Rungren, General Manager explained that the CIP projects are moving forward and are not affected, and construction and design are still ongoing. Susan referred to Gina Dorrington, the Assistant General Manager of Operations regarding the question about wastewater and COVID-19 and its affects. Gina stated that our community did not have

enough positive cases to be able to detect COVID-19 in the wastewater and that we regularly treat a suite of viruses including the COVID-19 therefore there is no risk to employees nor public. Gina has been involved and follows the Water Resource Foundation who created work groups that are working on protocol for this type of outbreak and any possible future outbreaks.

**GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

No update due to technical issues therefore the meeting was adjourned.

**ADJOURNMENT: 7:50 P.M**