

CITY OF VENTURA

VENTURA WATER COMMISSION MINUTES

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Debra Gallegos, Recording Secretary

REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, April 27, 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 McCord called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL – WATER COMMISSION

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

Absent: Commission Chair Hubner and Commissioner Burton.

WATER COMMISSION ITEMS

1. MINUTES

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

Members of the Public: None.

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

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

Commissioner Vice Chair McCord declared the motion carried, 5-0.

Approve the minutes of the March 30, 2021 Special meeting.

Members of the Public: None.

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

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

Commissioner Vice Chair McCord declared the motion carried, 5-0.

2. DRAFT 2020 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Staff recommends the Water Commission receive this written report and an oral presentation on the City's Draft 2020 Urban Water Management Plan.

Members of the Public: Burt Handy.

No Vote.

3. 2021 FINAL DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE WATER RESOURCES REPORT

a. Receive this written report and oral presentation on the 2021 Final Draft Comprehensive Water Resources Report.

Members of the Public: Burt Handy.

Commissioner Clite moved to receive the written report and oral presentation. Commissioner Ackerman seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

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

Commissioner Vice Chair McCord declared the motion carried, 5-0.

b. Recommend to City Council to rescind the Stage 2 Water Shortage Event declaration, effective July 1, 2021.

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

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

Commissioner Vice Chair McCord declared the motion carried, 5-0.

4. RECOMMENDATION FOR UTILIZATION OF THE CITY'S STATE WATER PROJECT TABLE A ALLOCATION FOR 2021

Staff requests that the Water Commission make a recommendation to City Council to authorize the transfer of the City's State Water Project Table A Allocation for 2021 to San Geronio Pass Water Agency.

Members of the Public: Lance Eckhart.

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

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

Commissioner Vice Chair McCord declared the motion carried, 5-0.

5. ORDINANCE TO ADJUST WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICE RATES AND CHARGES AND IMPLEMENT MONTHLY BILLING

Staff recommends the Water Commission receive this written report and an oral update on the proposed Ordinance to Adjust Water and Wastewater Service Rates and Charges and Implement Monthly Billing, and provide feedback, if any, on the proposed Ordinance.

Members of the Public: None.

No Vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Trevor Gotsman.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS: Commissioner Mulligan provided an update on the VenturaWaterPure Ad Hoc Committee, stating that the other two members are Councilmember Friedman and Councilmember Sanchez-Palacios, and that she expects the first meeting to be in about a month. Commissioner Ackerman requested that the City continue communicating the importance of water conservation and what programs and devices are offered to customers to assist in water conservation.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT:

Outreach –

- April 19 - Community Rates Open House, thanks to Commissioner McCombs for her participation
- April 28 - Tomorrow night will be another Community Rates Open House
- May 17 – City Council Rates Public Hearing

Staffing Update -

- As many of you know from an email sent to you, Haili Matsukawa will be leaving the City and her last day is Friday. We wish her well and thank her for everything she has done for Ventura Water and the City.
- The Management Analyst position in Finance and Technology Department (F&T) has been hired and we will be meeting Jennifer to go over duties, etc.
- Water Utility Manager recruitment open (D3/T3 requirements)
- VenturaWaterPure Senior Management Analyst Interviews completed

Past Council Info.

Council Action 4/12/2021 –

- Authorization to Apply for additional Grant funds for VenturaWaterPure

Council Action 4/26/2021 –

- Public Works – Receive and file the Capital Improvement Program Quarterly Update – 3rd Quarter Fiscal Year 2020-2021
- Adoption of 2020 Water Shortage Event Contingency Plan

Upcoming Water Commission Agenda Items

May 25, 2021 – Regular Meeting

- Urban Water Management Plan - Final Draft (Council on June 14)
- Water Efficiency Plan
- Draft Water Commission Work Plan

June 22, 2021 – Regular Meeting

- Final Water Commission Work Plan
- Water Resources Net Zero Fee Resolution Update

July & August Meetings

- May be dark

ADJOURNMENT: 7:11 P.M.