

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, MAY 25, 2021 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 5:34 p.m.**

### **ROLL CALL – WATER COMMISSION**

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

**Absent:** Commissioners Burton and McCord.

***\*Commissioner Vice Chair McCord joined the meeting at 5:36 p.m.***

### **WATER COMMISSION ITEMS**

#### **1. MINUTES**

Approve the minutes of the April 27, 2021 Regular meeting.

Members of the Public: None.

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

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

Commissioner Chair Hubner declared the motion carried, 5-0-1.

## **2. FINAL DRAFT 2020 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Staff recommends the Water Commission receive this written report and an oral presentation and recommend that the City Council adopt the Final 2020 Urban Water Management Plan.

Members of the Public: Burt Handy.

Commissioner Mulligan moved to recommend that the City Council adopt the Final 2020 Urban Water Management Plan with changes incorporated as noted by staff. Commissioner McCord seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

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

Commissioner Chair Hubner declared the motion carried, 6-0.

## **3. 2021 DRAFT WATER EFFICIENCY PLAN**

Staff recommends that the Water Commission receive this written report and oral presentation, and provide comments, on the 2021 Draft Water Efficiency Plan.

Members of the Public: Burt Handy.

No Vote.

## **4. DRAFT WATER COMMISSION WORK PLAN**

Receive this written report and an oral presentation on the Draft 2021 Water Commission Work Plan, provide feedback, and either adopt the Work Plan for submission to City Council or direct Staff to return in June with an updated Work Plan for Water Commission consideration.

Members of the Public: None.

Commissioner Hubner moved to adopt the 2021 Water Commission Work Plan with the addition of updates on the milestones for the State Water Intertie

Project. Commissioner McCord seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

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

NOES: None.

Commissioner Chair Hubner declared the motion carried, 6-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS:** Commissioner Mulligan reported that she had met with the new VenturaWaterPure Program Director Linda Sumansky and discussed updates on staff qualifications and needs for the project. They discussed the request for proposals for the outfall and will hopefully be choosing a consultant soon. Commissioner Mulligan updated Ms. Sumansky on the Water Commission's request for staffing updates and justifications before the rate increase next year. There has been a VenturaWaterPure Ad Hoc Committee meeting set for June.

**GENERAL MANAGER REPORT:**

Shout out to some of our staff members who participated in the EnQuesta update: Terry McGee, Anna Gutierrez, Paloma Villa, Vernonia Cortez, Stephen Glenn, Erik Lopez

Outreach –

- May 17 – City Council Rates Public Hearing

Staffing Update -

- No update

**Past Council Info.**

**Council Action 5/3/2021**

Transmittal Fiscal Year 2021-22 Proposed Operating and Capital Improvement Budget - High level review and presentation

**Council Action 5/17/2021 –**

- Public Hearing for Proposed Water and WW Rates for Fiscal Year 2022-2026 - Council unanimously approved, thanks to Commission McCombs for her part in the presentation and Commissioner Mulligan for speaking during the meeting and those in attendance.
- Second Budget Workshop from Department Heads

**Council Action 5/24/2021 –**

- Approved State Water Sale with San Gorgonio
- Saticoy Well No. 3 Emergency Rehabilitation \$422,000
- Second reading for Ordinances for rates adjustments and wastewater/water shortage rates
- Final 2021 CWRR and rescind the Stage 2 Water Shortage Event Declaration

### **Upcoming Council June 7**

Second budget Workshop continued from May 17 meeting

### **Upcoming WC Agenda Items**

#### **June 22, 2021 - Regular Meeting**

- Water Resources Net Zero Fee Resolution Update
- General Plan Update
- Water Efficiency Plan
- Cancelling July and August meetings

**ADJOURNMENT: 6:45 p.m.**