

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, Ventura Water General Manager
Miles Hogan, Assistant City Attorney
Debra Martinez, Administrative Assistant

REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 28, 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.

Commission Chair Hubner called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL – WATER COMMISSION

Present: Commissioners Feeney, Mills, McCarty, McCombs, McCord, Burton, and Hubner and Alternate Commissioner Anderson.

Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WATER COMMISSION ITEMS

1. MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the minutes of the April 23, 2019 regular session.

Members of the Public: None.

Commissioner Burton moved to approve the recommendation.

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

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: Commissioner McCord.

Commission Chair Hubner declared the motion carried.

2. RESOLUTION UPDATING WATER COMMISSION RULES OF PROCEDURE

Staff recommends the Water Commission consider and approve a resolution of the Water Commission of the City of San Buenaventura, California, updating the Water Commission Rules of Procedure.

Members of the Public: Brian Brennan.

Commissioner Burton moved the staff recommendation to include Commissioner McCord's suggestion to replace the words "on any" with "per" in section 3.4 below:

3.4 Oral Presentation - Time Limits, and Number of Speakers

[...]

(c) In order to conduct orderly and timely meetings, members of the public making oral presentations to the Commission in connection with one or more agenda items at a single meeting are limited to three (3) minutes ~~on any~~ per agenda item unless otherwise provided. If the Chairperson deems it appropriate, in extraordinary circumstances he or she may extend the time limit for any speaker. The Chairperson may also limit the time provided to speakers in order to ensure an orderly and timely meeting. Except when necessary for immediate clarification of a particular point, no person shall be allowed to speak a second time until all others wishing to be allowed to speak have had an opportunity to do so, and then only at the discretion of the Chairperson.

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

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

NOES: None.

Final Resolution No. 2019-001 attached hereto.

3. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCIES AND SANTA PAULA BASIN TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Staff recommends the Water Commission receive an oral update on the status of local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies and the Santa Paula Basin Technical Advisory Committee.

Members of the Public: None.

Informational Only – No Vote.

4. FINAL DRAFT 2019 COMPREHENSIVE WATER RESOURCES REPORT

It is recommended that the Water Commission receive this written report and an oral presentation on the Final Draft 2019 Comprehensive Water Resources Report and recommend approval to the City Council.

Members of the Public: None.

Commissioner Burton moved the staff recommendation with the following changes:

- 1) Addition of information (AFY) in the second column of Table 3-8
- 2) Relabel Table 4-1
- 3) On Table 6-1 replace Footnote 5 verbiage “high and low” with “projected”
- 4) Review report for the correct use of “historic” and “historical”
- 5) On Table 6-4 add language to the cost of recycled study to “at the time” or other language to soft prediction
- 6) On Table ES-1 replace the verbiage “available supply” to “surplus/deficit”
- 7) In the Executive Summary, Ventura River/Foster Park section, add the following sentence “environmental and other concerns may impact this report”

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

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

NOES: Commissioner McCarty.

5. WATER COMMISSION CONSIDERATION OF SUMMER SCHEDULE

Staff recommends the Water Commission retain the regularly scheduled June 25, 2019 and August 27, 2019 meetings, and cancel the July 23, 2019 meeting.

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

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

NOES: None.

Commission Chair Hubner declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner McCord mentioned that there would be an AdHoc meeting for the California WaterFix Project scheduled in September. Commission Chair Hubner congratulated Susan Rungren on her promotion to Ventura Water General Manager.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

- City Council was presented with the new budget and they are scheduled to approve it next month.
- The General Manager gave a verbal report on the status of Capital Projects and an update will be provided each meeting.
- The new Public Works Director Phil Nelson and the Water Department are working together on Capital Projects and on filling the new Engineering positions.
- Update on the United Conservation Water District Article 21 water - Fox Canyon GMA will be paying up to \$3 million for an estimated amount of acre feet of water. There is no additional Article 21 water for the City to purchase. The City currently pays 3-1 (M&I vs AG) to United Water Conservation District and therefore if the City did consider purchasing Article 21 water if even available, we would be paying 3-1 extraction charges since the City does not have the infrastructure to receive the water.
- The next Water Commission meeting agenda in June will include the State Water Interconnect Final EIR.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:05 P.M.