

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, JUNE 25, 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 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL – WATER COMMISSION

Present: Commissioners Feeney, Mills, McCombs, Burton, and Hubner.

Absent: Commissioners McCarty, McCord and Alternate Commissioner Mike Anderson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WATER COMMISSION ITEMS

1. MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the minutes of the May 28, 2019 regular session.

Members of the Public: None.

Commissioner Burton moved to approve the recommendation subject to a possible change by staff once they review the tape of the meeting.

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

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

NOES: None.

Commission Chair Hubner declared the motion carried.

2. STATE WATER INTERCONNECTION PROJECT FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Staff recommends that the Water Commission make a recommendation to City Council to certify the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the State Water Interconnection Project.

Members of the Public: Dan Ellison.

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

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

NOES: None.

Commission Chair Hubner declared the motion carried.

3. RECOMMENDATION FOR UTILIZATION OF THE CITY'S STATE WATER ALLOCATION FOR 2019

Staff requests that the Water Commission make a recommendation to City Council regarding the Interim Utilization of the City's State Water Allocation for 2019.

Members of the Public: Bob Siemak, Daniel Naumann, and Burt Handy.

Commissioner Burton moved to approve the recommendation that Ventura Water Staff move forward with negotiations for the City's State Water Allocation for 2019. Commissioner Feeney seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

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

NOES: None.

Commission Chair Hubner declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Siemak and Daniel Naumann from United Water Conservation District as well as Michelle Serilla from Assemblymember Monique Limon's Office.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Vice-Chair Burton reported there is an AdHoc meeting scheduled September 19, 2019 for the California WaterFix Project and a representative of the State Water Contractors Board will be giving a presentation.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

- Gina Dorrington has been promoted to the Assistant General Manager of Operations.
- There is currently an open recruitment for the Assistant General Manager for Water Resources and hopefully we will be able to announce an appointment at the next meeting.
- Akbar Alikhan has been appointed as the Assistant City Manager and will be overseeing Public Works, Ventura Water and Community Development.
- Council updates:
 - The Clean Power Alliance was presented at City Council and approved which includes Water and Wastewater accounts at a 36% renewable energy rate. The financial impacts are unknown at this time and staff will return with more budget information at a future meeting.
 - Ventura Water along with all other department budgets were approved.
- Upper Ventura River Groundwater Sustainability Agency adopted the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget and the extraction fee of \$77.89/Acre Foot.
- Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency adopted the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget and scheduled a public hearing for July 18, 2019 to consider adoption of the extraction fee of approximately \$35.00/Acre Foot.
- Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2019 to provide a revised Ordinance. There are some concerns with the Ordinance, and it is anticipated that the M&I group as well as the City will provide comment letters indicating their concerns.
- CIP updates:
 - Digester Improvement Project was awarded to Cushman Contracting to replace aging infrastructure. Construction activities are scheduled to begin in October and occur in five phases over the next two years.
 - Seaward and Poli Booster Upgrade is out to bid.
 - Harbor Blvd Sewer Line is in construction.
 - Mariano tanks that replaced existing potable water tank are almost complete.
 - Northbank Lift Station Project has a punch list and close out should be soon. This project adds capacity to the East End Sewer System. The project had to be completed before the occupancy of some of the ongoing development projects. This project will assist the Parklands and Hansen projects.
- The Agenda Calendar update will be brought back in the August 27, 2019 meeting. The draft agenda for the August meeting will be: Introduction of new Commissioners, Election of Chair and Vice Chair and discussion of the future agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:52 P.M.