

CITY OF VENTURA

VENTURA WATER COMMISSION MINUTES

Grant Burton, Chair
Susan Mulligan, Vice-Chair
Nova Clite, Commissioner
Martin Feeney, Commissioner
Gerhardt Hubner, Commissioner
Suzanne McCombs, Commissioner
Robert McCord, Commissioner

Susan Rungren, Ventura Water General Manager
and Water Commission Secretary
Miles Hogan, Assistant City Attorney
Debra Martinez, Administrative Assistant

**REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 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.

General Manager called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL – WATER COMMISSION

Present: Commissioners Burton, Clite, Feeney, Hubner, McCombs, McCord and Mulligan.

Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WATER COMMISSION ITEMS

1. INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSION MEMBER (S)

General Manager Susan Rungren thanked former Commissioners McCarty and Mills for their service on the Water Commission.

Each Water Commissioner introduced themselves.

Members of the Public: None.

Informational Only – No Vote

2. BROWN ACT TRAINING AND WATER COMMISSION RULES OF PROCEDURE

Staff recommends the Water Commission receive an oral presentation from the City Attorney's Office regarding the Brown Act and Water Commission Rules of Procedure.

Members of the Public: None.

Informational Only – No Vote

3. ELECT COMMISSION CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Commissioner Hubner moved to nominate Commissioner Burton as Chair. Commissioner McCombs seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

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

NOES: None.

Commissioner Clite moved to nominate Commissioner Mulligan as Vice-Chair. Commissioner McCord seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

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

NOES: None.

Commission Chair Burton declared the motions carried.

4. MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the minutes of the June 25, 2019 regular session.

Members of the Public: None.

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

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Mulligan.

Commission Chair Burton declared the motion carried.

5. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCIES UPDATE

Staff recommends the Water Commission receive an oral update on the status of local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies.

Members of the Public: None.

Informational Only – No Vote

6. AMENDMENT NO. 14 (CONTRACT EXTENSION AMENDMENT) TO THE WATER SUPPLY CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE VENTURA COUNTY WATERSHED PROTECTION DISTRICT

Staff recommends the Water Commission recommend that City Council adopt a resolution directing the Ventura County Watershed Protection District to approve a Resolution Authorizing Amendment No. 14 (Contract Extension Amendment) to the Water Supply Contract between the State of California Department of Water Resources and the Ventura County Watershed Protection District.

Members of the Public: Christina Speed and Duane Georgeson.

Commissioner Hubner moved to move the item to a future meeting. Commissioner Mulligan seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

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

NOES: None.

Commission Chair Burton declared the motion carried.

Commissioner Hubner moved to solicit from staff recommendations on a restructuring among the three entities in the current State Water Contract regarding to remove Ventura County Watershed Protection District. Commissioner Feeney seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

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

NOES: None.

Commission Chair Burton declared the motions carried.

7. 2020-2026 CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN PROCESS

Staff recommends the Water Commission receive an oral presentation on the 2020-2026 Capital Improvement Plan Process and Proposed Projects.

Members of the Public: None.

Informational Only – No Vote

8. FINANCIAL STATUS UPDATE

Staff recommends the Water Commission receive this written report and an oral presentation on financial information for Ventura Water's Operating Program and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for both the Water and Wastewater Enterprise Funds.

Members of the Public: None.

Informational Only – No Vote

PUBLIC COMMENT: Burt Handy.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner McCord and Burton reported they will be attending an AdHoc meeting scheduled September 17, 2019 at United Water Conservation District for the California WaterFix Project and a representative of the State Water Contractors Board will be giving a presentation. Commissioner Hubner discussed the recent guideline updates from the State Water Resources Control Board for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS). General Manager Susan Rungren confirmed staff is aware of the new guidelines and will update Commission in a future meeting.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

- Betsy Cooper has been promoted to Assistant General Manager of Water Resources.
- On July 22, 2019, City Council authorized the City Manager to execute the required documents for an agreement for a one-year exchange between the City and San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency for a portion of the City's 2019 State Water allocation consistent with the Water Commission recommendation from the June 25, 2019 meeting.
- On August 5, 2019 the City Council appointed the new Water Commission members. Council also approved the purchase of three portable emergency generators previously rented, a Ventura Water closed-circuit television sewer inspection vehicle for inspection over hiring an outside contractor which will save money in the long run and authorized a professional service agreement with Waterwise Consulting for the instant hot water heater recirculating system program to assist with water conservation.

- City Council certified the State Water Interconnection Project Final Environmental Impact Report and approved the project on June 25, 2019 consistent with the Water Commissions recommendation.
- Next on the City Council calendar for September 16, 2019 is a Water Workshop which we invite all the Water Commission members to attend.
- Water Commission calendar – We are hoping that in September we will present the Ventura Water Supply Projects Environmental Impact Report as well as bring back the State Water contract along with the process to remove the County name from the contract. In October we may discuss draft deal points for the State Water contract and in November we will give another CIP update. Due to Holiday's we will discuss if we need to move the November meeting and cancel or move the December meeting. Also, a Waterwise update will be coming soon.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:23 P.M.