

CITY OF VENTURA

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# VENTURA WATER COMMISSION MINUTES

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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, SEPTEMBER 24, 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 Clite, Feeney, Hubner, McCombs, McCord, and Burton.

Absent: Commissioner Mulligan.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**WATER COMMISSION ITEMS**

**1. MINUTES**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the minutes of the August 27, 2019 regular session.

Members of the Public: None.

Commissioner Hubner moved to approve the recommendation with the revision to Agenda Item 6, that the second part of the recommendation be changed to reflect that Commissioner Hubner moved the motion not Commissioner Burton. Commissioner Feeney seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

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

**NOES:** None.

Commission Chair Burton declared the motion carried.

**2. VENTURA WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT CERTIFICATION AND PROJECT APPROVAL**

Staff recommends that the Water Commission recommend City Council:

- a. Adopt a resolution certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Ventura Water Supply Projects.

Commissioner Feeney moved to approve part a of the recommendation. Commissioner McCombs seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

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

NOES: None.

Commission Chair Burton declared the motion carried.

If recommendation A is approved, then City Council is asked to:

- b. Adopt a resolution adopting Findings and a Statement of Overriding Considerations, adopting a Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Program, and approving the Ventura Water Supply Projects.

Commissioner McCombs moved to approve part b of the recommendation. Commissioner Clite seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

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

NOES: None.

Commission Chair Burton declared the motion carried.

Members of the Public: Duane Georgeson and Burt Handy.

Meeting Intermission 7:05 p.m. to 7:18 p.m.

**3. 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: None.

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

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

NOES: None

**4. 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: Burt Handy.

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

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

NOES: None.

Commission Chair Burton declared the motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Burton reported that he and Commissioner McCord attended the AdHoc meeting on September 17, 2019 at United Water Conservation District for the California WaterFix Project where two representatives from the State were very informative. Governor Newsom has resized the project down to one pipe which means they will need to restart the entire environmental process. The next meeting will be in October to assess the approvals of the contract amendment. Commissioner Hubner inquired what the new timeline will be for the project. Commissioner Burton responded that this process will take as long as the two-tunnel project. Commissioner Clite reported that she attended a County meeting regarding Sea Level rise.

## **GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

On September 9, 2019, City Council approved authorization to purchase a water truck to provide recycled water to streets, trees and parks. As well as awarded a contract for the Seward /Poli Pump Station Upgrade Project.

On September 16, 2019, City Council was presented with Ventura Water 201 Workshop discussing topics such as the City's General Plan, Rates, the Urban Water Management Plan, Comprehensive Water Resources Report, Capital Improvement Projects and Rates.

In October Ventura Water will be presenting a Workshop on the Ventura Water Supply Projects Final Environmental Impact Report Certification and project approval as well as State Water Contract Extension and Utilization of the City's State Water Allocation.

The request to inquire about removing the county's name from the State Water Contract which was discussed during the State Water presentation.

In regard to Commissioner Hubner's question on if the City is aware of the PFAS issues coming up the answer is that we are aware, and the City is part of Water Research Foundation study of PFAS compounds in wastewater (poly and perfluoroalkyl substances).

On the agenda for the Water Commission scheduled for October 22, 2019: SB998 regarding water shutoffs for low income residents and a water conservation update as well as the Water Commission meeting calendar for November and December.

**ADJOURNMENT: 8:00 P.M.**