

CITY OF VENTURA

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# VENTURA WATER COMMISSION MINUTES

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**Grant Burton**  
Commissioner Chair

**Susan Mulligan**  
Commissioner Vice-Chair

**Nova Clite**  
Commissioner

**Suzanne McCombs**  
Commissioner

**Gerhard Hubner**  
Commissioner

**William Ackerman**  
Commissioner

**Robert McCord**  
Commissioner

Susan Rungren, Ventura Water General Manager  
Miles Hogan, Assistant City Attorney  
Debra Gallegos, Recording Secretary

## REGULAR MEETING

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2020, 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 Chair Burton called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.**

### **ROLL CALL – WATER COMMISSION**

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

**Absent:** Commissioners Hubner and McCord.

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Explanation of Upcoming Meeting Technology Changes  
Staff: Debra Gallegos, Recording Secretary

### **WATER COMMISSION ITEMS**

#### **1. MINUTES**

Approve the minutes of the October 06, 2020 Special meeting.

Members of the Public: None.

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

AYES: Commissioners Ackerman, Clite, Mulligan and Burton.

NOES: None.

(Commissioner McCombs lost connection during this item)

Commissioner Vice Chair Mulligan declared the motion carried, 4-0.

*\*Commissioner McCord joined the meeting at 5:40 p.m.*

*\*Commissioner McCombs rejoined the meeting at 5:41 p.m.*

4. **COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES**

Staff recommends that the Water Commission receive this written report and oral presentation on communications and outreach efforts for the Water and Wastewater Rate Study.

No Vote.

2. **ADOPTED 2020-2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND WASTEWATER PROJECTS UPDATE**

Staff recommends the Water Commission receive an oral presentation on an update of the Adopted 2020-2026 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Water and Wastewater Projects recommended to be included in the 2020 Cost of Service Study.

Members of the Public: Burt Handy

No Vote.

3. **2020 WATER AND WASTEWATER RATE STUDY – REVISED FINANCIAL PLAN SCENARIOS**

- a) Receive this written report and oral presentation by Raftelis Financial Consultants Inc. on the 2020 Water and Wastewater Rate Study – Revised Financial Plan Scenarios
- b) Provide direction on the financial plan scenario to use as a basis for the Cost of Service Analysis. Staff recommends selection of Scenario 3a: Reduced CIP (including VWP) for the water and wastewater enterprises.

Members of the Public: Burt Handy verbal and email comment.

Commissioner Mulligan moved to approve the recommendation selecting Scenario 3a for a period of 3 years. Commissioner McCord seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Ackerman, Clite, McCombs, McCord, Mulligan.  
NOES: Commissioner Burton.

Commission Chair Burton declared the motion carried, 5-1.

**5. CONSIDERATION OF CALIFORNIA STATE WATER PROJECT DELTA CONVEYANCE FACILITY, DELTA CONVEYANCE AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE, AND DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES DELTA CONVEYANCE FUNDING AGREEMENT**

1. Staff recommends that Water Commission recommend a level of participation in the Delta Conveyance Project/Delta Conveyance Facility:
  - a) Opt-Out
  - b) Opt-In at 100%
  - c) Opt-In at greater than 100%
  
2. Staff recommends the Water Commission recommend that City Council adopt a resolution directing the Ventura County Watershed Protection District to execute the Department of Water Resources Funding Agreement for Preliminary Planning and Design costs related to a potential Delta Conveyance Project on behalf of the City of San Buenaventura.

Members of the Public: None.

Commissioner McCombs moved to approve option “b”. Commissioner Mulligan seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Ackerman, Clite, McCombs, Mulligan and Burton.  
NOES: Commissioner McCord.

Commission Chair Burton declared the motion carried, 5-1.

**6. RESOLUTION MODIFYING UPCOMING REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE**

It is recommended that the Commission approve a Resolution modifying the Water Commission Regular Meeting dates for the November and December meetings to the following dates:

Tuesday, November 17, 2020  
Tuesday, December 15, 2020

Members of the Public: None.

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

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

NOES: None.

Commission Chair Burton declared the motion carried, 6-0.

**COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**GENERAL MANAGER REPORT** – No updates.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT: 8:40 P.M.**