

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE TORRANCE WATER COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Water Commission convened in a regular session at 7:01 p.m. on Monday, August 19, 2010 in the West Annex Meeting Room at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners Haddon, Lefevre, McGee, Lew, See, White, and Chairperson Deemer.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Public Works Director Beste,
Deputy Public Works Director van der Linden,
Senior Administrative Analyst Schaich, and
Metropolitan Water District Director Wright.

3. FLAG SALUTE

MWD Director Wright led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner McGee moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. Commissioner Haddon seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5A. MINUTES OF JULY 15, 2010

MOTION: Commissioner White moved to approve the July 15, 2010 Commission meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner See seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (with Commissioner McGee abstaining).

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC

Commissioner White introduced guest Margaret Carter, Board Director for Natural Resources, League of Women's Voters.

8A. PRESENTATION OF SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SBCCOG) REGARDING ITS MAJOR FUNCTIONS AND LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE PROMOTION OF CONSERVATION EFFORTS AND PROGRAMS

This item was taken out of order.

Senior Administrative Analyst Schaich introduced the item and welcomed Marilyn Lyons from the South Bay Environmental Services Center (SBESC).

Ms. Lyons provided a slide presentation regarding the joint powers authority of 16 cities that make up the SBCCOG and the SBESC that was created to provide energy efficiency information to residents and help cities obtain funding for transportation, energy, and water conservation. She described assistance to public agencies that includes education and training assistance, energy and water saving workshops, energy and water efficiency technical audits, and facilitation of joint procurement efforts and project implementation. She stated that for businesses and residents they also promote energy efficiency and water conservation resources, incentives, and rebate programs as well as sponsorship of a community volunteer program.

She discussed quarterly meetings of the South Bay Cities Green Task Force and the program to conduct greenhouse gas emissions inventories as a result of the Global Warming Act of 2006 (AB 32) and companion SB 375 requiring regions to adopt sustainable community strategies. She stated that SBESC serves as a resource for residents by providing residential program information on rebates and incentives for water, electric, and gas. She noted that they conduct energy/water audits for businesses that include the Cash for Kitchens program as well as providing the latest program information. She provided information about the Seasonal Give-Away program that includes lamp exchanges, holiday light exchanges, and showerhead give-aways. She distributed fliers promoting a free lamp exchange on September 18-19, 2010 at Kmart, Hawthorne Boulevard, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Ms. Lyons described some of the workshops, community events, and seminars that SBESC offers and encouraged Commissioners to get involved in the SBESC Volunteer Program. She discussed the Energy Leader Program with Southern California Edison that financially rewards cities for reducing energy usage. She announced a roundtable workshop for City staff on September 1, 2010 to explain how the City can take advantage of this program. She concluded her presentation with information about incentives offered through the 2010 Los Angeles County Energy Program.

In response to Commissioner Lefevre's inquiries, she provided additional information about the holiday light exchange program as well as the program to measure greenhouse gas emissions.

Senior Administrative Analyst Schaich noted that the SBESC has been particularly instrumental in helping the City with commercial and multi-family programs and will be a valuable resource in helping the City meet 2020 Plan goals.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7A. UPDATE REGARDING STATUS OF WATER SUPPLY ALLOCATION PROGRAM FOR END OF FISCAL YEAR 2009-10 AND ALLOCATION PROGRAM FOR FISCAL 2010-11

Senior Administrative Analyst Schaich provided background and a status report on the Water Supply Allocation Program initiated by MWD beginning summer 2009 that requires member agencies to reduce MWD deliveries by 15%. He reported that Torrance Municipal Water's (TMW) target for fiscal 2009-10 was approximately 17%

below the allowable allocation. He attributed the outcome to sustained conservation efforts by customers, favorable weather conditions, the economy, and the impact of the City Conservation Ordinance adopted in spring 2009. He stated that it is expected that consumption will continue to decrease 10-12% over the next 10 years throughout all sectors, noting that the upcoming Water Efficiency Study will help further reduce usage. He noted that MWD has decided to extend the current Level 2 stage into fiscal 2010-11 but has changed its sales forecast and, as a result, TMW will receive an increase in allocation to 20,939 acre-feet.

He compared MWD's Allocation program to the 2020 Plan that will target total urban water demand per capita usage. He stated that they will need to meet the 10% interim target by 2015 and briefly described the four methodologies that are being used to determine baselines.

In response to Commissioner White's inquiry, staff discussed standards for agriculture water.

MWD Director Wright noted that water sales have declined all over Southern California, adding that MWD has begun offering Tier 1 water rates for groundwater.

Responding to Chairperson Deemer's inquiry, Senior Administrative Analyst Schaich advised that ExxonMobil's water usage varies monthly but that they plan to use more recycled water in the future.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8B. CONSIDERATION OF THE WATER COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL 2009-10

Senior Administrative Analyst Schaich presented the Water Commission Annual Report for fiscal 2009-10.

MOTION: Commissioner White moved to approve the Water Commission Annual Report for fiscal 2009-10 as presented and to forward it to City Council for acceptance. Commissioner See seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

9. METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

MWD Director Wright distributed invitations to Commissioners to attend a one-day inspection tour to Diamond Valley reservoir and Lake Skinner Treatment Plant on October 15, 2010. He discussed proposals for solar farms and noted that Diamond Valley Lake is up to 70% capacity.

10. WEST BASIN WATER ASSOCIATION REPORT

Deputy Public Works Director van der Linden reported that at the August 3, 2010 Association meeting the Water Master noted a 2% increase in pumping in the West Coast Basin from last year. He stated that West Basin Municipal Water District is working on its Urban Water Plan and Sustainability Production Plan on its recycled water system. He reported that MWD discussed the Integrated Resources Plan and the Water Supply Allocation Program. He reported that Water Replenishment District is working on a West Coast Basin Master Plan that will include Central Basin and receive

an award for recycled water use. He stated that the West Basin Water Association joint Association's Basin barbeque luncheon on August 11, 2010 was well attended.

In response to Chairperson Deemer's inquiry, Public Works Director Beste stated that WRD is permitted to inject 75% recycled water into the barrier.

11. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Deputy Public Works Director van der Linden presented the Monthly Department Report for July 2010. He reported that overall water production declined 18% over the past year and that there were three water main break incidents. He announced that the Goldsworthy Desalter is in full production and that membrane filters will be replaced later this year. He stated that Well #9 should be operational by late October 2010.

Public Works Director Beste provided an update on the design plan for the Yukon site.

MOTION: Commissioner White moved to accept and file the Monthly Department Report as presented. Commissioner Lefevre seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

12. ORALS

12A. Public Works Director Beste distributed and discussed "Recent Articles Regarding San Diego Water Authority Litigation with the Metropolitan Water District" and "Recent Communications/Articles Regarding Water Bond Issue." He advised that the City is planning to sign on and be part of the lawsuit against MWD in order to get a seat at the table and protect the City's rights.

12B. Senior Administrative Analyst Schaich suggested that Commissioners tour the City's water facilities on September 16, 2010 mid-afternoon before the Commission meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 8:25 p.m., Commissioner Lew moved to adjourn the meeting to September 16, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in the West Annex Commission meeting room. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lefevre and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Deemer so ordered.

Approved as Amended September 16, 2010 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
