

**SANTA ROSA BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2008
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER, 100 SANTA ROSA AVENUE
REGULAR MEETING**

1:30 p.m. City Council Chamber

MOTION:

ROLL CALL

Present (6) Vice Chairman Lowe, Board Members Downey, Galvin, Holt, Lindsay and Swinth

Absent (1) Chairman Dowd

STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION BY BOARD MEMBERS - NONE

STUDY SESSION - NONE

MINUTES APPROVAL

Board Member Swinth moved approval of the minutes of November 20, 2008. The motion was seconded by Board Member Holt and carried unanimously. AYES (5) NO (0) ABSENT (1) Dowd ABSTAIN (1) Downey

STAFF BRIEFINGS

5.1 ENGINEERING SERVICES, ASSET MANAGEMENT – STORM WATER AND CREEKS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Rita Miller, Associate Civil Engineer began by giving an introduction of the team members and a brief overview of the services provided by the Storm Water and Creeks Section. She discussed the origin of the NPDES storm water permit; the storm water management plan; education and outreach performed and the various joint effort projects taking place to provide flood protection. Sheri Emerson, Senior Environmental Specialist discussed the numerous benefits of supporting healthy creeks; explained the purpose of the Citywide Creek Master Plan; and reviewed some recently completed restoration projects. She then identified future restoration projects that staff is seeking grant funding to complete. She also described the environmental and regulatory support the Environmental Specialist staff provides for CIP projects.

CONSENT ITEMS

6.1 AMENDMENT TO THE SUBREGIONAL SYSTEM 2008 RECYCLED WATER PRICING POLICY

Board Member Swinth moved to approve Resolution No. 944 entitled "Resolution of the Board of Public Utilities Approving an Amendment to the Subregional System 2008 Recycled Water Pricing Policy Establishing Goals for Pricing Recycled Water to Subregional System Customers in Rohnert Park." The motion was seconded by Board Member Lindsay and carried unanimously. AYES (6) NO (0) ABSENT (1) Dowd ABSTAIN (0)

REPORT ITEMS

7.1 REPORT – INCREMENTAL RECYCLED WATER PROGRAM (IRWP) DISCHARGE COMPLIANCE PROJECT APPROVAL

Dave Smith, Merritt Smith Consulting provided a brief review of the project to date and acknowledged the other members of the IRWP team, Craig Lichty with Kennedy/Jenks; Mark Millan with Data Instincts; and Pat Collins with Winzler & Kelly, for their efforts to arrive at the point of project selection. The Board met on November 6, 2008 to evaluate the project alternatives and concurred with staff's identification of the Environmentally Superior Alternative as the Preferred Project. The Council met on November 18, 2008 and concurred with the Board's recommendation. Dr. Smith briefly discussed the project components and the key documents the Board would need to approve to move forward. Those documents include adoption of the Findings of Fact; Statement of Overriding Considerations; and Reporting and Monitoring Program. He then identified the proposed implementation schedule for the diffuser which would begin immediately with obtaining permits and procuring design services and finally construction completion by 2010.

Brenda Adelman, Russian River Watershed Protection Committee expressed support for the preferred project alternative, spoke about a letter that she submitted, and spoke in support of a zero discharge alternative. She submitted a petition with 5,206 signatures against the Steelhead Beach site, asked that it become an official part of the record and

**SANTA ROSA BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2008
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER, 100 SANTA ROSA AVENUE
REGULAR MEETING**

requested that if the site were to be considered, that those on the list be notified.

Dr. Smith responded that while it is possible to achieve zero discharge in a dry year, discharge would be needed in a normal or wet year. Vice Chair Lowe thanked Dr. Smith and the IRWP team for their time and efforts and for being responsible stewards of our resources and the environment.

MOTION:

Board Member Swinth moved to approve Resolution No. 945 entitled "Resolution of the Board of Public Utilities Approving and Directing Staff to Implement the Discharge Compliance Project under the Incremental Recycled Water Program." The motion was seconded by Board Member Holt and carried unanimously. AYES (6) NO (0) ABSENT (1) Dowd ABSTAIN (0)

7.2 WATER SUPPLY UPDATE

Dan Carlson, Deputy Director Utility Operations displayed a storage and operation curve graph for recycled water which represents the last 4 years since the Geysers System has been in operation. He discussed the impacts of little or no rain on the water and recycled water system and then reported that discharge for this year is the lowest on record in the history of the system. To date, 1074 Chinook had been counted which is similar to the same time last year.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS - NONE

9. REFERRALS

10. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION (And Possible Board Action)

10.1 Memorandum dated 11/26/08 from Daniel C. Carlson regarding Amendment to State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan; included in packet.

11. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS - NONE

12. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS - NONE

13. DIRECTORS REPORT

Mr. Carlson presented pictures of the capacitor banks at Bear Canyon and Mayacamas pump stations that were installed last week, tested yesterday and today, and would allow for a five pump operation for the first time on the Geysers project. This was one of the key pieces Calpine had to put in to receive the extra flow included in the recently approved Geysers Expansion Project. He mentioned that the BPU meeting for January 1, 2009 will be cancelled but the Board will need to meet on December 18, 2008.

14. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

At 2:21 p.m. the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities will be held on Thursday, December 18, 2008 at approximately 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Santa Rosa.

Richard Dowd

Gina Perez