

**SANTA ROSA BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2010
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER, 100 SANTA ROSA AVENUE
REGULAR MEETING**

1:30 p.m. City Council Chamber

Adjourn study session and reconvene to open session in City Council Chamber at approximately 2:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present (5) Chairman Dowd, Board Members Holt, Lowe, Meechan and Swinth

MINUTES APPROVAL

Absent (2) Vice Chair Gale and Board Member Galvin

Board Member Swinth moved approval of the minutes for April 15, 2010. The motion was seconded by Board Member Holt and carried unanimously. AYES (4) NO (0) ABSENT (2) Gale and Galvin ABSTAIN (1) Lowe

STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION BY BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Lowe stated he would be abstaining from the approval of the April 15, 2010 minutes because he was absent from that meeting.

Due to a lack of a quorum, the approval of the minutes from April 20, 2010 will be deferred to the next meeting.

STUDY SESSION

Board Member Swinth moved approval of the minutes for May 6, 2010. The motion was seconded by Board Member Holt and carried unanimously. AYES (5) NO (0) ABSENT (2) Gale and Galvin ABSTAIN (0)

3.1 THE SAFE, CLEAN AND RELIABLE DRINKING WATER SUPPLY ACT OF 2010

STAFF BRIEFINGS

Chairman Dowd acknowledged that County Supervisor and Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) President, Paul Kelly was in attendance for today's presentation. Miles Ferris, Utilities Director introduced Timothy Quinn, Executive Director of ACWA. Mr. Quinn discussed the water challenges facing California, highlighting some of the current conditions in the State. He then discussed the legislative process that lead to the development and approval of a comprehensive State Policy for California's water future. As a result of this, there have been a variety of committees established to help govern the Delta habitat and watershed. He reviewed the \$11.14 billion, 'Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010', highlighting the proposed project distribution of funds, and allocation of funds per Region, more specifically the North Coast Region. Mr. Quinn concluded by adding that the bill received unanimous support of the 29 members of the Board of ACWA. Board Member Swinth asked that staff review the legislation in detail and define what money the City and North Coast would be eligible for and how much debt the bond would incur for the State. Chairman Dowd requested that staff provide comparisons identifying total costs of the legislature vs. what would be allocated for the North Coast Region.

5.1 GUIDE TO BEST PRACTICES FOR SUSTAINABILITY

Randy Piazza, Wastewater Reclamation Superintendent gave the staff briefing. He spoke about the 2035 Draft General Plan and how it was used to develop the Sustainability Policy Statement and Guide. He outlined the Department goals, current practices and future actions as summarized in the Guide. He then reviewed the Objectives and Performance measures that have been established that will help the Department reduce long term costs to the utility enterprises through increases in energy efficiency renewable energy, and resource conservation.

CONSENT ITEMS - NONE

REPORT ITEMS

7.1 ADOPTION OF A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM FOR THE SOUTH COUNTY BIOSOLIDS REUSE PROJECT

Dan Carlson, Deputy Director Utility Operations provided a brief overview of the

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project description and explained that three City-owned farms have been reduced by approximately 640 acres due to potential California Tiger Salamander habitat and therefore additional acreage was needed. Pat Collins, Winzler and Kelly Consulting Engineers reviewed the Initial Study, the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, the impacts and mitigation for the three proposed sites and comment letters received.

MOTION:

Board Member Lowe moved to approve Resolution No. 983 entitled "Resolution of the Board of Public Utilities of the City of Santa Rosa Adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration, Approving the Project, Adopting a Mitigation Monitoring Program, Authorizing the Utilities Department to Implement the South County Biosolids Reuse Project, and Authorizing the Director to Execute Agreements." The motion was seconded by Board Member Holt and carried unanimously. AYES (5) NO (0) ABSENT (2) Gale and Galvin ABSTAIN (0)

7.2 APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY AND THE LAGUNA DE SANTA ROSA

Mr. Carlson introduced David Bannister from the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation. Mr. Bannister presented historical photos of the Laguna and explained the issues facing the Laguna which include habitat loss, sedimentation and pollutants and non-native invasive species. He then spoke about the importance of preserving and restoring the Laguna and provided a description of the Laguna Learning Center Project. He explained that Phase 1, restoration of the Stone Farm property, has been completed. The State Coastal Conservancy has agreed to provide grant funding for the Learning Center for Phase 2 of the project.

MOTION:

Board Member Swinth moved a motion to approve an agreement with the State Coastal Conservancy and the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation providing funding for the construction of the Laguna Learning Center. The motion was seconded by Board Member

Lowe and carried unanimously. AYES (5) NO (0) ABSENT (2) Gale and Galvin ABSTAIN (0)

7.3 WATER SUPPLY UPDATE

Glen Wright, Deputy Director Water Resources reported that Lake Mendocino is currently at 105,113 acre feet measuring 94.7% of the water supply pool and 85.8% of total capacity. Inflow is 168 cfs and outflow is 168 cfs. Lake Sonoma is currently at 244,435 acre feet measuring 99.7% of the water supply pool and 64.2% of total capacity. Inflow is 120 cubic feet per second (cfs) and out flow is 242 cfs. Flows in the river have been measured at the Hacienda Bridge at 930 cfs. Lake Pillsbury has 71,760 acre feet measuring 95.7% of the water supply pool. At Van Arsdale there are 462 cfs going down the Eel River and 130 cfs going to Potter Valley.

Mr. Wright reported that the Technical Advisory Committee will be meeting on Monday, June 7th at 9:00am at the Laguna Treatment Plant to discuss the State Water Resources Control Board Temporary Urgency Change Order. At the July 15, 2010 BPU meeting, the Sonoma County Water Agency will present an overview of the Draft Water Supply Action Plan. The Board will provide comments and/or recommendations to the Council for their July 27, 2010 meeting. Mr. Wright then reported that on May 30, 2010, Mayor Gorin, Chairman Dowd, Vice Chair Gale, Miles Ferris and he met with Board of Supervisor Kelly and his staff to discuss the Draft Water Supply Action Plan.

7.4 2010 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (UWMP) UPDATE

Jennifer Burke, Senior Water Resources Planner provided an update to the Demand and Conservation Analysis that is being done for the Water Contractors by Maddaus Water Management. The analysis will include the Decision Support System Model with draft results expected in July 2010. Ms. Burke reviewed the amended deadlines for the 2010 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) due to the passage of SB 7x7 and AB 1677. She then provided an overview of the Department of Water Resources Stakeholder Committee and reviewed the current focus in the

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development of the UWMP. Periodic updates will be provided to the Board following Water Conservation Subcommittee meetings.

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8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

9. REFERRALS

Richard Dowd

10. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION (And Possible Board Action)

11. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS - NONE

Gina Perez

12. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Board Member Holt spoke about the Request for Qualifications Panel that he has been participating on and informed the Board that the group has narrowed the proposals down to three. An additional meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 8, 2010.

Board Member Swinth spoke about her participation on the Ad Hoc Budget Task Force meeting that is looking at long range planning for the budget.

Chairman Dowd spoke about the meeting that he had attended with Mr. Wright, Mr. Ferris, Vice Chair Gale, Mayor Gorin and Water Agency staff. The group met to discuss the Temporary Urgency Change Order, the Draft Water Supply Action Plan and what was needed from the Board. Chairman Dowd said that the Agency needs to continue to work with the Contractors to help develop a regional plan to develop a reliable water source. Mr. Ferris added that there was a good dialogue that allows us to commit to resolve concerns between the groups.

13. DIRECTORS REPORT

Mr. Ferris noted that the annual Boards and Commissions dinner is tonight at the Finley Center.

14. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

At 4:28 p.m. the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities will be held on Thursday, July 1, 2010 at approximately 1:30 p.m. in the Council