

**SANTA ROSA BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2011
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER, 100 SANTA ROSA AVENUE
REGULAR MEETING**

1:30 p.m. Mayor's Conference Room

MINUTES APPROVAL

ROLL CALL

The approval of the minutes for November 18, 2010 and December 2, 2010 were deferred because there was not a quorum of members present to take action.

Present (4) Chairman Dowd, Board Members Galvin, Holt, and Swinth

Absent (2) Vice Chair Gale and Board Member Meechan

PRESENTATION

STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION BY BOARD MEMBERS

Randy Piazza and PG & E staff presented the Board with a rebate check in the amount of \$97,295.00 for the Rohnert Park and Meadow Lane Pump Station Energy Efficiency Upgrades.

No statements of abstention were made.

STUDY SESSION

CONSENT ITEMS - NONE

3.1 STEERING TEAM RECOMMENDATION FOLLOW UP

REPORT ITEMS

Linda Reed, Debbie Guillaumin and David Guhin presented additional information as a follow up to the January 6th meeting on staffing levels, structural deficit assumptions and impacts of Proposal 3 to operations, maintenance and the Capital Improvement Program.

7.1 WATER SUPPLY UPDATE

Glen Wright presented an update on various water supply topics including water supply totals; upcoming water efficiency classes; the water use efficiency award nominations and updated Dry Creek Feasibility Study release date.

A discussion ensued about restoring water reserves sooner and assumptions being more optimistic than some Board members felt comfortable with and the Board asked staff to prepare contingency plans if projections aren't met.

7.2 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (UWMP) UPDATE

Jennifer Burke reviewed the SBx7-7 Guidelines, discussed the status of Department of Water Resources Guidebook, and reviewed the new UWMP requirements and draft schedule.

3.2 Adjourn study session and reconvene to open session in City Council Chamber at approximately 2:40 p.m.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS - NONE

3.3 SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY BUDGET AND 2011/12 RATES

9. REFERRALS - NONE

Linda Reed and Sonoma County Water Agency staff reviewed the calculation formula for the wholesale pass through rate which will go into effect in July 2011 for Santa Rosa customers, presented 2010 water sales and preliminary 2011/12 operating expenses.

10. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION (And Possible Board Action) - NONE

Brenda Adelman, Russian River Watershed Protection Committee spoke about the excessive amount of breaches occurring in the Jenner area.

11. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Board Member Galvin reported on the Contract Review Subcommittee.

Board Member Holt reported that the Water Conservation Subcommittee meeting scheduled for January was cancelled.

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12. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Chairman Dowd announced that the City will hold a Board/Commission Orientation for new Board members on January 31st.

Board member Holt announced that today would be his last meeting and is deeply honored by the opportunity to serve on the Board. Chairman Dowd requested that Board member Holt attends the February 3, 2011 meeting to participate in a changeover ceremony.

13. DIRECTORS REPORT

Miles Ferris reported on concern about newly developed toxicity testing; reported on a leak repair in the Geysers pipeline; and discussed the Sacramento Treatment Plant that has been ordered to go from secondary treatment to tertiary level treatment.

14. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

At 4:22 p.m. the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities will be held on Thursday, February 3, 2011 at approximately 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Santa Rosa.

Richard Dowd

Gina Perez