

**SANTA ROSA BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2010
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER, 100 SANTA ROSA AVENUE
REGULAR MEETING**

1:33 p.m. Mayor's Conference Room

MATTERS - NONE

ROLL CALL

9. REFERRALS

Present (7) Chairman Dowd, Vice Chair Gale, Board Members Galvin, Holt, Lowe, Meechan and Swinth

10. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION (And Possible Board Action)

STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION BY BOARD MEMBERS - NONE

11. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice Chair Gale spoke about his recovery from his recent heart attack and thanked Board Member Swinth for the work she has done as the Acting Chair for the Budget Subcommittee meeting. He stated that he was looking forward to working on the final budget before it goes to City Council.

Board Member Swinth reported that the Water and Local Wastewater O & M budget will be coming to the full Board on May 20th for approval. Chairman Dowd added that he, Vice Chair Gale and Board Member Swinth will continue to work with staff on a long term risk management solution to deal with the variables in the budget development process.

STUDY SESSION

Board Member Lowe reported that he attended the City Council meeting on May 4, 2010 to present the Water Conservation Awards. He further reported that the High Efficiency Toilet Rebate Program would be suspended because of saturation and the overall success of the program.

3.1 UTILITIES FY2010/11 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) BUDGET REVIEW

12. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

David Guhin, Deputy Director Engineering Services gave the staff presentation and identified projects included in the Utilities Water, Sewer and Subregional CIP for 2010/11 and described additional projects being added through Mid Year Adjustments. He presented graphs and analysis that identified the age of water and sewer pipes and discussed how this information is used in conjunction with other system information to determine when a project should be scheduled for replacement. Chairman Dowd stated he was impressed by the depth of the analysis being used and asked that staff continue to strive to reach the established replacement goals for pipe replacement. Vice Chair Gale added that staff should take advantage of the good bidding climate and try and get more projects out to bid.

Chairman Dowd reported on his attendance and participation at the Earth Day event on April 17, 2010 and added that he was impressed by the number of departments that participated. He further reported that the Downtown Market Water Expo will be held on May 26, 2010 and will have a number of booths available for Board members to visit and participate in.

MINUTES APPROVAL - NONE

Board Member Lowe spoke about his recent trip to China and the difference in water turbidity.

STAFF BRIEFINGS - NONE

13. DIRECTORS REPORT

CONSENT ITEMS - NONE

Linda Reed, Administrative Services Officer, thanked Chairman Dowd for his participation in the Earth Day event. During the event, a Taste Test Contest was held and tap water bet out two brands of bottled water in blind taste comparisons. Ms. Reed then reported that Miles Ferris, Glen Wright and Jennifer Burke were away at the Association of California Water Agencies Conference in Monterey.

REPORT ITEMS - NONE

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA

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14. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

At 3:00 p.m. the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities will be held on Thursday, May 20, 2010 at approximately 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Santa Rosa.

Richard Dowd

Gina Perez