

**SANTA ROSA BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2010
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER, 100 SANTA ROSA AVENUE
REGULAR MEETING**

1:30 p.m. City Council Chamber

ROLL CALL

Present (6) Chairman Dowd, Board Members Dean, Galvin, Holt, Meechan and Swinth

Absent (1) Vice Chair Gale

STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION BY BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Dean stated that she would be abstaining from the approval of the minutes of July 15, 2010 and August 5, 2010 because she was not present at those meetings. Chairman Dowd stated that he would be abstaining from the approval of the minutes of July 15, 2010 because he was absent from that meeting.

STUDY SESSION

3.1 SANTA ROSA PLAIN GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT STEERING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Board received an extensive presentation from members from the Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Management Steering Committee on the Groundwater Management Planning efforts for the Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Subbasin. The presentation team consisted of Marcus Trotta, PG, CHG, Hydrogeologist, Sonoma County Water Agency; Timothy Parker, PG, CHG, CEG, Hydrogeologist, Layne Christensen Company; and Gina Bartlett, Managing Senior Mediator, Center for Collaborative Policy. The discussion included a review of the general groundwater hydrology; general groundwater conditions within the Santa Rosa Plain and an update on the USGS Groundwater Study; different forms and options for groundwater management planning; an overview of the Sonoma Valley Groundwater Management Program; and ongoing preliminary planning efforts by the Steering Committee for Groundwater Management in the Santa Rosa Plain and concluded by discussing the next steps in the process.

MINUTES APPROVAL

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

Board Member Galvin moved approval of the minutes for August 5, 2010. The motion was seconded by Board Member Meechan and carried unanimously. AYES (5) NO (0) ABSENT (1) Gale ABSTAIN (1) Dean

CONSENT ITEMS - NONE

REPORT ITEMS – NONE

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS - NONE

8. REFERRALS

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

10. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Board Member Galvin reported that the Contract Review Subcommittee would be meeting on September 16th to discuss the Laguna Treatment Plant Assessment. He further reported that he attended the Request for Proposals review on August 31st and that the panel spent an enormous amount of time reviewing not only finalists but all proposals received. He added that the two finalists were head and shoulders above the rest.

11. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Chairman Dowd reported that he attended the Board Chairs luncheon and talked with the Chair from the Community Advisory Board (CAB). Chairman Dowd suggested that CAB could be used to convey messages and information to the neighborhood groups. Ms. Perez, Board Secretary, will be working to find a date for either a joint meeting or a meeting with just the CAB Chair to discuss these possible opportunities.

12. DIRECTORS REPORT

Miles Ferris, Director of Utilities reported that only one new meter had been set since the

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last meeting. He spoke about the CASA Conference that he recently attending which focused on waste discharge requirements for collection systems. He added that the City of Santa Rosa is complying with all requirements and is ahead of the game. Mr. Ferris gave a status update on the Steering Team activities and the exercises that the group is going through and thanked Teejay Lowe for staying on as a volunteer for this process.

13. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

At 3:45 p.m. the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities will be held on Thursday, September 16, 2010 at approximately 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Santa Rosa.

Richard Dowd

Gina Perez