



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
Room 280A
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

December 14, 2017
8:00 a.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: December 14, 2017 / 8:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CIVILITY STATEMENT

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Greer, Aronberg, Shalowitz, Vice Chair
Felsenthal, Chair Wolfe

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Vincent Chee, Mark Cuneo, Vince Damasse, Josette
Descalzo, Shana Epstein, Ilene Knebel, Erick Lee, Derek
Nguyen, Trish Rhay

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Members of the public may address the Commission regarding any items not on the Agenda that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. By State law, the Commission may not discuss or vote on items not on the Agenda.

Speakers: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By Order of the Chair, the agenda was approved as presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the regular meeting of November 9, 2017.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Aronberg, SECONDED by Vice
Chair Felsenthal to approve the minutes as amended. (5-0).

AYES: Commissioner Greer, Aronberg, Shalowitz, Vice Chair
Felsenthal, Chair Wolfe

ABSTAIN: None

NOES: None

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

Operations Reports from City Departments, Consultants and Outside Agencies

- Metropolitan Water District (MWD) Director Barry Pressman
 - MWD is starting its rate setting process for 2019/2020. Dr. Pressman requested receiving questions prior to the Commission Meetings so he can provide the answers at subsequent meetings.
 - Dr. Pressman reported on the progress of repair at the Oroville Spillway.
 - The water use due to the recent fires will not be an issue to our water storage.
 - The Overview of Regional Programs for Local Resource Development was reviewed including rebates and support programs MWD has in place.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. Capital Improvement & Major Projects

City Engineer Mark Cuneo updated the Commission on the Capital Improvement & Major Project items in the Commission packet, focusing on the Maple Wells, Cabrillo Reservoir Project, North Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction and the Purple Line Subway Extension. Project Managers Robert Welch and Samer Elayyan also participated in the presentations.

Commissioner comments:

- Commissioners asked for clarification of work being done in the evenings which includes striping and storm drain work.
- Comments were made about the bio swales; Staff reported they will collect the water after being filtered and before going to the storm drain.
- There was a brief discussion about raised crosswalks and where they are being located, bike lane striping, and the completion date for the project.
- It was suggested to have regular updates on the fiber project to the Commission at future meetings.

3. Hollywood Basin Wells Pre-Treatment Testing Update

Water Resources Manager Vince Damasse and Carollo Project Manager Andrew Wiesner presented preliminary results from the pilot study at the Water Treatment Plant. Two issues have been identified and a pre-treatment process has been initiated. The completed tasks, results and findings were presented as well as a review of the next steps.

Speaker: Chuck Alpert

Commissioner comments:

- Comment about if amount of brine is decreased because of current processes. Mr. Wiesner stated it would be the same although there would be a longer run time between cleaning cycles because of removal of iron and manganese.
- Question about effectiveness of RO plant with sand still getting through the filters and making sure we are producing enough water.
- Concern with the variance of percentage of removal and how a final number will be obtained. It was explained there are different wells with

different particulates and the results from all the wells together will give a greater idea of the effectiveness on the blend of the water.

- Comments about reducing redundancy so plant can be run at a reduced flow and not completely down.
- Question about how to modify the plant and not need to shut it down completely.

The results of the pilot would be the same when implemented in the full scale design.

If a plant retro fit is considered, it would be designed for a full scale system (including La Brea) and all other future flows. This is a lengthy process including design, construction and re-permitting with DDW.

A preliminary report will be presented in the spring which will included all alternatives that are possible.

4. SB 231 (Hertzberg) – Reclaims Sewer to Include Stormwater

Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Program Manager Josette Descalzo reported on the legislation that expands the definition of wastewater so agencies can use the utility rates process to generate fees to support stormwater. If a clear and direct benefit is identified, rates could be raised in wastewater to pay for stormwater projects. It has been advised to use caution before proceeding and using this bill to fund stormwater projects.

Commissioner comments:

- The Commission asked if we have projects that might satisfy the requirements of the bill. Staff responded that we do but would need to put stormwater projects into the Water Enterprise fund and raise rates in wastewater to fund the stormwater projects.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Proposed 5-Yr CIP Plan for FY 2018/2019

Project Manager Derek Nguyen reviewed the proposed Capital Improvements Projects and criteria discussed with the Ad Hoc Budget Committee.

Commissioner comments:

- The Commission asked for items to be separated out
- Commissioners can identify projects they would like more specific information on.
- The Commission asked if we have the Staff to handle all the projects presented.
- The Commission inquired when emergency water storage issue will be evaluated as well as irrigation stub outs.
- The Commission asked how primary elements are being funded before prioritizing other elements

The Commission requested another subcommittee meeting prior to the next presentation to the Commission.

The Commission took a break at 10:02 a.m.

The Commission returned at 10:12 a.m.

6. Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Membership
Deputy Director of Public Works Erick Lee presented a report recommending that the membership is discontinued when it expires in the end of 2017.

Commissioner comments:

- The Commission agreed with the Staff recommendation.

7. Agenda Items for the Remainder of FY2017/18

Deputy Director of Public Works Erick Lee presented this item and reviewed items that are being reassigned.

Commissioner comments:

- It was requested to add the oil well update to the list of Capital Projects for future review.

PROJECT UPDATES & STATUS ITEMS

8. Water Conservation Update

- The Commission asked how the presented data would be used in policy.
- Staff commented that the Public Works Newsletter will have a Water Conservation article every issue as well as a more consistent message that will be focused on Facebook and other social media in the future.

9. Specific Information and Department Update

This report transmits answers to questions that have been raised at previous Public Works Commission meetings, information regarding upcoming items for the City Council meeting, an update on the Department's Master Plans, a financial statement for the Water Enterprise Fund and a Will Serve status update for development projects.

- No comments.

10. Chair and Vice-Chair Rotation and Recognition of Outgoing Chair

Deputy Director of Public Works Erick Lee noted the Chair/Vice-Chair rotation taking place in January as well as the retirement of Commissioner Shalowitz.

- Chair Wolfe was presented with an engraved gavel.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

11. Chair's Report

- Recognition of Commissioner Shalowitz
 - Commissioner Shalowitz was presented with a plaque and gift and fellow Commissioners shared their kudos for his years of service.
- Comments from the Commissioners
- Ad Hoc Subcommittee Updates
 - No comments.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

12. Director's Report

- Commission responsibility for Street Tree Master Plan
- Upcoming Events
 - Two more weekends of BOLD activities to participate in
 - January 28 Metro Tour

- o City Engineer recruitment will begin soon.
- o Meeting Dates

Director Epstein reviewed the Water Rate discussion and vote from the last City Council meeting.

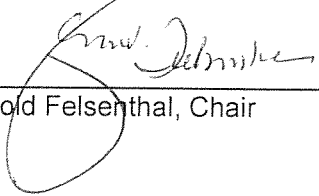
The Commission also thanked Mark Cuneo and Trish Rhay for their years of dedicated service and wished them well in their new ventures.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time

December 14, 2017 / 10:55 a.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11TH DAY of JANUARY, 2018



Jerrod Felsenthal, Chair