



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

In-Person / Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES**

October 13, 2022  
8:00 AM

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date/Time: October 13, 2022 / 8:00 AM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Alpert, Greer, Vice Chair Nystrom, Char Millan  
Commissioners Absent: None  
Staff Present: Vince Damasse, Josette Descalzo, Shana Epstein, Daren Grilley, Ilene Knebel, Rob Welch

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Members of the public may address the Commission regarding any items 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.

Public Speaker: Public comment was heard from David Gingold.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chair Millan advised of an amendment to the posted Agenda.

Motion: MOVED by Vice Chair Nystrom, SECONDED by Commissioner Alpert to approve the Agenda as amended; TABS 10 and 11 will be taken after TAB 5 (4/0).

AYES: Commissioners Alpert and Greer, Vice Chair Nystrom, Chair Milan  
NOES: None

CARRIED

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**1. Consideration of Minutes**

Consideration of Minutes of the Public Works Commission special meeting of August 31, 2022.

**2. Consideration of Minutes**

Consideration of Minutes of the Public Works Commission regular meeting of September 8, 2022.

**3. A Resolution of the Public Works Commission of the City of Beverly Hills Continuing to Authorize Public Meetings to Be Held via Teleconferencing Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(E) and Making Findings and Determinations Regarding the Same**

Comment: Recent legislation was adopted allowing the Public Works Commission to continue virtual meetings during the COVID-19 declared emergency subject to certain conditions, and the proposed resolution implements the necessary requirements.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Greer, SECONDED by Vice Chair Nystrom to approve the Consent Calendar items as presented (4/0).

AYES: Commissioners Alpert and Greer, Vice Chair Nystrom, Chair Milan  
NOES: None

CARRIED

**REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES**

**Operations Reports from City Departments, Consultants and Outside Agencies**

Metropolitan Water District Director Dr. Barry Pressman gave an update on the Emergency Water Conservation Program. The Commission discussed the updates and water usage.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS**

**4. 2021 Water Loss Audit Update**

Water Resources / Operations Manager Vince Damasse and Psomas Consultant Mike Swan presented the 2021 water loss audit as required annually by state law. The Commission discussed how losses are measured and how Beverly Hills compares to other cities in Southern California in terms of water loss.

**5. Water Meter Replacement Update**

Water Resources / Operations Manager Vince Damasse provided an update on the water meter replacement plan. Costs, design, integration and the implementation schedule were presented. The Commission discussed how the meter change out would be administered and confirmed the systems would run simultaneously. They also made suggestions for additional considerations when choosing the meter vendor.

**6. Proposed Wastewater Ordinance Amendments**

Environmental Compliance and Programs Manager Josette Descalzo provided an update on proposed amendments to the wastewater ordinance. Permits to maintain private laterals, inspections for new or remodeling projects and proper termination at city sewer mains would be required. In addition, sewer rates would be restructured, easements would be added to the municipal health section, and groundwater discharge to city sewers would be

permitted with certain guidelines in place. The Commission discussed the limitations of permits for maintenance in the case of an emergency.

Public Comment: An email comment from Brianne Archer was read into the record.

**7. Daytime Posted Street Sweeping Schedule**

Solid Waste Manager James Burnley provided an update on the coordination of a new citywide street sweeping schedule. Phases 1-8 have been completed, with all 15 phases planned to be fully implemented by December 2023. The Commission discussed a situation on Charleville Blvd., with multi-family dwellings, concerns with the timing of the street sweeping, and the disposal of old street sweeping informational signs.

**8. Organics Collections Program and Food Recovery Report Update**

Solid Waste Manager James Burnley provided an update on the implementation of the organics collection program and food recovery program. The city is currently providing collection bins for commercial businesses and multi-family units and curbside and alley collection bins to single-family units. Public outreach/education of both programs is ongoing. The Commission discussed renewing the labels on the trash bins to relieve confusion from the public as to what belongs in which collection bin.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**9. Conflict of Interest Code**

Public Works Director Shana Epstein presented the Conflict of Interest Code for the Public Works Commission, which must be reviewed yearly per city law.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Alpert, SECONDED by Vice Chair Nystrom to approve the Conflict of Interest Code as presented (4/0).

AYES: Commissioners Alpert and Greer, Vice Chair Nystrom, Chair Milan  
NOES: None

CARRIED

**10. Best Practices - Southern California Gas Company Pathway to Carbon Neutral by 2045 (Item Taken Out of Order, After TAB 11)**

Environmental Compliance Manager Josette Descalzo introduced Senior Public Affairs Manager Mike Harriel of SoCal Gas. Manager. Mr. Harriel provided information on the company's efforts to deliver carbon neutral energy to California by 2045 through hydrogen energy and renewable natural gas (RNG). The Commission discussed the information and how to transition Beverly Hills to carbon neutral gases.

*The commission took a break at 9:52 AM.*

*The commission returned from break at 10:02 AM.*

**PROJECT UPDATES & STATUS ITEMS**

**11. La Brea Subarea Update (Item Taken Out of Order, After TAB 5)**

Project Manager Tristan Malabanan provided an update on the construction and equipping of LCW-1. Construction is expected to be completed in October 2022. Water Resources / Operations Manager Vince Damasse made further comment about LCW-1. Damasse was

joined by Policy and Management Analyst Logan Philippo to review the property search for potential new wells. The Commission discussed the updates on construction and the search on finding new locations for wells.

Public Speaker: Public comment was heard from David Gingold.

#### **12. Water Efficiency Update**

The Commission discussed non-compliance from community members during the recent water restriction requests and the need for more enforcement.

#### **13. Capital Projects Update**

Engineering Services Manager Samer Elayyan briefed the Commission on the recent meetings regarding the Coldwater Canyon Water Main Replacement Project and the Cabrillo Reservoir Project.

#### **14. Specific Information and Department Updates**

Public Works Director Shana Epstein informed the Commission the Water Fund Financial Statement will be presented at the November Commission Meeting.

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

#### **15. Chair's Report**

Chair Milan attended the Mayor's Cabinet meeting last week. He suggested viewing the video of this meeting for a recap of all Commission Meetings.

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF**

#### **16. Director's Report**

- Public Works Director Shana Epstein reported on two liaison meetings regarding water and wastewater rates. There will be more discussion on this topic prior to it being presented to City Council in early 2023.
- Information was provided on the public outreach efforts this coming Saturday for the transportation planning of the Clifton-Le Doux location.
- Follow up for the Transit Study will include proposed routes for public transportation at the December Traffic and Parking Commission Meeting.
- Upcoming special events were reviewed.

Public Speaker: Public comment was heard from David Gingold.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Date/Time: October 13, 2022 / 11:23 AM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10TH DAY of NOVEMBER 2022

  
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John Millan, Chair

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Link to October Public Works Commission Meeting Transcript:

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