



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

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

April 14, 2022
8:00 AM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: April 14, 2022 / 8:00 AM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Nazarian and Alpert, Vice Chair Nystrom
Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Greer, Chair Millan
Staff Present: Vince Damasse, Josette Descalzo, Debby Dunn, Shana Epstein,
Melissa Gomez, Daren Grilley, Michael Hensley, Rob Welch,
Audrey Wright

Commissioner Greer arrived at 8:15 AM.

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 Comment: Anonymous text comment was read into the record. (Received and read during the Director's report)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Nazarian, SECONDED by
Commissioner Alpert to amend the Agenda as requested by staff
(3/0).
AYES: Commissioners Nazarian, Alpert, Vice Chair Nystrom
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Greer, Chair Millan

CARRIED

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of March 10, 2022 Public Works Commission regular meeting minutes.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Nazarian, SECONDED by
Commissioner Alpert to approve the Minutes as amended (3/0).
AYES: Commissioners Nazarian, Alpert, Vice Chair Nystrom
NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Greer, Chair Millan

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

Operations Reports from City Departments, Consultants and Outside Agencies

Dr. Barry Pressman presented information from the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) regarding the drought and detailed information about the tax that property owners pay in MWD Districts.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. Cabrillo Reservoir

Utilities General Manager Rob Welch introduced the topic. Water Resources and Operations Manager Vince Damasse presented the item. The Commission requested further detail on options to the project including cost and reservoir size. All options were reviewed and recommendations presented. The Commission commented and provided feedback. It was agreed to offer the City Council multiple suggestions on how to move forward with the project in conjunction with the cost of service study.

3. Quarterly Legislative Update

Senior Management Analyst Melissa Gomez reviewed relevant Public Works legislation. The Commission will be kept apprised of any updates.

4. City Council Priorities Update

Deputy Director of Public Works Michael Hensley updated the Commission on the process for the upcoming Priority Setting Session. Public Works Director Shana Epstein presented additional comment. The Commission gave feedback.

5. Introduction to the Single-Use Plastic and Styrofoam Local Ordinances

Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Manager Josette Descalzo gave background on this topic, spoke about Federal and State Legislation, local ordinances and next steps.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Best Practices Around the World – Effectiveness of Carbon Dioxide Capture and Storage (SSC)

Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Manager Josette Descalzo introduced Tory Brewster, the CivicSpark Fellow currently assisting in the Public Works Department. Ms. Brewster spoke about the process and application of carbon capture, benefits and challenges.

The Commission took a break at 10:05 AM

The Commission returned at 10:17 AM

PROJECT UPDATES & STATUS ITEMS

7. Foothill Water Treatment Plant Update/La Brea Subarea (Item was taken out of order - after TAB 2)

Water Resources and Operations Manager Vince Damasse presented updates and status of the La Brea Subarea. He commented on the successful ribbon cutting event the Foothill Water Treatment Plant. The permit has been received with water distribution anticipated in a couple of weeks. The Commission inquired about additional well sites.

8. Water Efficiency Update

Public Works Director Shana Epstein commented about the severity of the drought and the increase in public outreach concerning water conservation. Water Conservation Administrator Debby Dunn answered Commissioner questions and relayed information regarding water tracker.

9. Public Works Department Response to COVID- 19

Public Works Director Shana Epstein reviewed the informational report.

10. Capital Projects Update

The Commission received the report.

11. Specific Information and Department Updates

Brief comment from Commission was answered by staff.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

11. Chair's Report

- Mayor's Cabinet Highlights were reviewed for the most recent meeting.
- The Commission suggested tours of current project sites.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

12. Director's Report

- Director of Public Works Shana Epstein reviewed upcoming events including Earth Day (April 24), Arbor Day (April 29) & Public Works Day (May 22).
- Other relevant updates were discussed.
- Public comment was read. Noted in Communications From the Audience.

ADJOURNMENT

Date/Time: April 14, 2022 / 10:21 AM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY of MAY, 2022



John Millan, Chair

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