



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

In-Person / Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

August 11, 2022
8:00 AM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: August 11, 2022 / 8:00 AM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:	Commissioner Alpert, Greer, Vice Chair Nystrom, Chair Millan
Commissioners Absent:	None
Staff Present:	Josette Descalzo, Debby Dunn, Jason Dyogi, Samer Elayyan, Shana Epstein, David Garrard, Melissa Gomez, Daren Grilley, Ilene Knebel, Tristan Malabanan, 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 Comment:	Email from Steve Mayer was read into the record.
Public Speakers:	Public comment was heard from David Gingold and Lisa Wolfe.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By order of the Chair, the Agenda was approved as presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Consideration of July 7, 2022 Public Works Commission regular meeting minutes.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Alpert, SECONDED by Vice Chair Nystrom to approve the minutes as amended (4/0).

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

CARRIED

2. 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 Findings and Determinations Regarding the Same

Motion: MOVED to approve by Vice Chair Nystrom, SECONDED by Commissioner Greer (4/0).

AYES: Commissioner Alpert, Chair Milan Commissioners Alpert and Greer, Vice Chair Nystrom, Chair Millan

NOES: None

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

Operations Reports from City Departments, Consultants and Outside Agencies

Metropolitan Water District Director Dr. Barry Pressman reported on the specifics of the upcoming Water Inspection Tour. His PowerPoint presentation included details about the Colorado River Compact from 1922, which divided the right to use the water between the upper and lower basins.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

3. Status update for the Water and Wastewater Cost of Service Study

Utilities General Manager Robert Welch introduced HF&H Senior Vice President John Farnkopf, who provided an update and cost-of-service analysis on the Wastewater and Water Enterprises. The Commissioners commented about seeking an equitable solution to single family and multifamily charges. There will be further discussion on this topic at a Special Meeting later in the month.

Director Epstein discussed the public hearing process moving forward and asked for comment on the following items: CIP options, the water fixed rate ratio of 17%, outside city differential, pass through rate adjustment, water reliability charge, and water shortage revenue stabilization rates.

The Commission took a break at 9:52 AM

The Commission returned at 10:03 AM

4. Quarterly Legislative Update

Senior Management Analyst Melissa Gomez reviewed the State and Federal legislation highlights relevant to Public Works.

Public Speaker: Public comment was heard from David Gingold

5. Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Update

Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Program Manager Josette Descalzo provided an update on the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan including an overview, summary, next steps and timeline.

Public Speakers: Public comment was heard from David Gingold.

6. Consumer Confidence Report

Water Quality Specialist Jason Dyogi presented the annual Water Quality Report to the Commission and summarized the contents of the report. Beverly Hills meets and exceeds regulatory requirements as well as State and Federal drinking water standards. There was a brief conversation about PFAS Analytical and Laboratory Methods.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PROJECT UPDATES & STATUS ITEMS

7. La Brea Subarea Update

Project Manager Tristan Malaban gave a brief update on the status of the La Brea Subarea development project.

8. Water Efficiency Update

Water Conservation Administrator Debby Dunn provided a monthly update on the severe California drought. In addition, she explained the outreach methods the City is using to communicate the conservation information to the public. The Commission suggested some alternatives to convey the message.

Parks Superintendent David Garrard provided a presentation on water conservation efforts in the City parks and facilities.

Public Speaker: Public comment was heard from David Gingold

9. Capital Projects Update

Engineering Manager Samer Elayyan updated the Commission on City projects such as the Robertson Sidewalk Improvement project and the Coldwater Canyon Water Main Replacement.

Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Programs Manager Josette Descalzo provided an overview and update on the Burton Way Median Project. Project Manager Tristan Malaban reviewed the construction timeline with the Commission.

Public Speaker: Public comment was heard from David Gingold

10. Specific Information and Department Updates

Director Epstein reported the Finance Department requested an additional month to provide information for the Water Enterprise Fund.

Public Speakers: Public comment was heard from David Gingold

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

11. Chair's Report

- Request for an update on the Inventory Management System at a future meeting.
- Suggestion that the City create a video on how to dispose of waste properly into the City's different colored trash bins.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

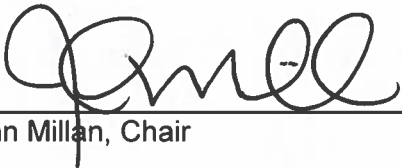
12. Director's Report

- The City of Beverly Hills will follow and support Metropolitans' outreach for the MWD Upper Shutdown Feeder and request no outdoor water use during the time of the repair.
- Regarding the Clean Power Alliance, the Green Power Switch outreach will begin soon.
- Tree replacement project community outreach will begin in September 2022 starting with Foothill and Hillcrest Road.
- SCE item will be presented at the August 23rd City Council Study Session.
- Drought banners and signage will be placed on trash vehicles, elevators and street poles.
- Single-family organic waste collection mailers are being prepared for distribution.

ADJOURNMENT

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PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8TH DAY of SEPTEMBER, 2022



John Millan, Chair

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