CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
City Hall Room 280-A
455 N. Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
February 26, 2015
8:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 a.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Felsenthal, Wolfe, Aronberg, Shalowitz and Pressman.
Commissioners Absent: None.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Michelle Tse.

C. CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. *Water Enterprise Plan*

Psomas provided a PowerPoint presentation and update on the Ten-Year Water Enterprise Plan (WEP) Development. The following were discussed: Reliability, Water Supply, Water Banking, Water Conservation, Short Term, Flexibility, Implementation Timeline and Costs and a new water banking option.

Mr. Gobas discussed Psomas' Technical Memo, 4a, Comparison of Ten-Year Estimated Costs for Nine Shortlisted Alternatives with MWD Water Purchases in Lieu of Implementing those Alternatives.

Ms. Rhay provided an update of the Water Enterprise Plan Financial Analysis. The following were discussed: Plan Development Timeline, Upcoming Meeting Schedules, Plan Goals, Base Assumptions, Cost Assumptions, Standard Rate Model, 10 Year Forecast. Discussion and questions followed.

Mr. Marquis provided variations on revenue scenarios and information on City policy concerning fiscal policy (reserves and debt).

MOTION by Commissioner Wolfe, SECONDED by Commissioner Aronberg that Staff proceed with the Commission's recommendation that the following items be incorporated into the City's Water Enterprise Plan (WEP): MWD as the City's Primary Water Source; Shallow Groundwater/Hollywood Basin Development; Central Basin Development coupled with increasing Water Treatment Plant Capacity; Beverly Hills-Tailored Conservation Program; Compliance with State Mandate SBx7-7, 20% Water Use Reduction by 2020; Water Banking; and a Water Resource Manager for WEP oversight.

Ayes: Felsenthal, Wolfe, Pressman, Aronberg and Shalowitz.
Noes: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: None
CARRIED 5/0

MOTION by Commissioner Felsenthal, SECONDED by Commissioner Aronberg that Staff proceed with the Commission's recommendation to move forward with financing the City's Water Enterprise Plan by way of debt bond financing and restructuring the City's water commercial rate structure to include additional tiers.

Ayes: Felsenthal, Wolfe, Pressman, Aronberg and Shalowitz.
Noes: None
Abstentions: None

Absent: None
CARRIED 5/0

D. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Aronberg raised the issue of how Staff and the Commission discover new information that may exist regarding water.

Commissioner Felsenthal raised the issue of requiring developers to provide estimated water needs and the City's ability to govern water use prior to issuing Will Serve letters.

As it pertains to granting water rights and permission to build, Mr. Chavez stated the Department discovers information from developments requiring environmental assessments a utility or the City provides. Staff can provide information on what the City does when developments arise.

Commissioner Wolfe questioned if Commission involvement in developing the WEP's financial analysis is possible.

E. COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Ms. Rhay stated Staff will present the Commission's Motions, the process and recommendations to City Council on April 7th. The Commission would like to review Staff's presentation prior to submittal to City Council.

F. ACTION ITEMS

- Commissioner Felsenthal requests a memo on the subject of Will-Serve letters/water needs at the March or April PWC Meeting.

G. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Shalowitz, with the consent of the Commission, adjourned the meeting at 11:54 a.m.

Passed and approved

This _____ day of _____, 2015

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Chair Shalowitz