



Desalination Task Force

Minutes

4:00 p.m. – Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Soquel Creek Water District Board Room

5180 Soquel Drive Soquel, CA 95073

The Desalination Task Force consists of two members of the Soquel Creek Water District Board and two members of the City of Santa Cruz City Council.

For the purpose of preparation of the minutes the following terms will be used throughout the current and all future minutes. The City of Santa Cruz/Soquel Creek Water District Desalination Task Force will be referred to as the “Task Force.” The City of Santa Cruz will be referred to as the “City” and the City of Santa Cruz Water Department will be referred to as the “SCWD.” The Soquel Creek Water District will be referred to as “SqCWD.” A member of the Soquel Creek Water District Board of Directors will be referred to as “Director” and the Soquel Creek Water District General Manager will be referred to as “General Manager.” A member of the Santa Cruz City Council will be referred to as “Councilmember” and the Director of the City of Santa Cruz Water Department will be referred to as “Water Director.”

Call to Order Director D. Kriege (Chair), called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Director B. Jaffe, Director D. Kriege (Chair) and Councilmember D. Lane.
Staff: General Manger L. Brown, Water Director B. Kocher and Public Outreach Coordinator M. Schumacher.

Presentation There were no presentations.

Statements of Disqualification There were no statements of disqualification.

Oral Communications There were no oral communications.

Announcements

Councilmember D. Lane reported that he and Mayor M. Rotkin will represent City Council this year and that Councilmember Coonerty will be the alternate.

Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Lane moved approval of the minutes of the November 18, 2009 Desalination Task Force meeting as submitted. Director B. Jaffe seconded.

VOICE VOTE	MOTION CARRIED
AYES:	B. Jaffe, D. Kriege and D. Lane.
NOES:	None.

Informational Items No action was taken on this item.

General Business

1. CEQA/NEPA Services – Selection of Consultant

General Manager L. Brown and Water Director B. Kocher provided a staff report and answered task force questions on this item.

The Task Force requested that the permitting plan be provided when available.

Councilmember D. Lane moved that the **scwd**² Desalination Task Force approve the preliminary scope of work, schedule and budget with URS Corporations Americas for CEQA/NEPA services for the **scwd**² Desalination Program. Director B. Jaffe seconded.

VOICE VOTE	MOTION CARRIED
AYES:	B. Jaffe, D. Kriege and D. Lane.
NOES:	None.

2. Discussion of Energy Minimization and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan

General Manager L. Brown and Water Director B. Kocher provided a staff report and answered task force questions on this item.

The Task Force requested that the draft findings be presented when available.

Councilmember D. Lane moved that the **scwd**² Desalination Task Force concur with staff's recommendation on an accounting framework for energy and greenhouse gases associated with implementation of the City's Integrated Water Plan and District's Integrated Resources Plan. Director D. Kriege seconded.

VOICE VOTE	MOTION CARRIED
AYES:	B. Jaffe, D. Kriege and D. Lane.
NOES:	None.

Program Managers' Report

A. Work Schedule

- Pilot Study Final Report is near completion.
- Kennedy Jenks continues to work on overall project schedule.
- Staff met with City Attorney regarding CEQA.
- Recycled water white paper will be on the website soon.

B. Upcoming Tasks

- A white paper on Agriculture Impacts is being prepared.

C. Additional or Amended Tasks (No report)

D. Contacts with Regulatory Agencies/Requests from Regulatory Agencies

- The State Board has postponed adopting a Desalination Policy until 2011.
- The Coastal Commission has requested information on the EIR schedule.

E. Contracts (No report)

F. Public Outreach

- A meeting was held with the Surfriders organization.
- Water Director Kocher will do week long radio show on a KUSP.

G. Budget

- The FY2011 budget will be provided in March for review.

H. Report of Findings (No report)

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas No items were initiated.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m. until the next regular meeting of the Desalination Task Force scheduled for Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. in the City of Santa Cruz Water Department Conference Room, 212 Locust Street, Suite A, Santa Cruz, California

Respectfully submitted,

ss/Donna Paul
Staff