



**Desalination Task Force
Regular Meeting
7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, February 20, 2013
Soquel Creek Water District Board Room
5180 Soquel Drive, Soquel CA 95073**

Minutes

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.

Call to Order and Introductions

Chair B. Daniels called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Soquel Creek Water District Board Room. He introduced Councilmembers Mathews and Comstock who were recently appointed to serve on the task force.

Roll Call

Present: Director B. Jaffe, Councilmember P. Comstock, Director B. Daniels (Chair) and Councilmember C. Mathews.

Absent: None.

Staff: Interim General Manager T. Dufour, Water Director B. Kocher, Desalination Program Coordinator H. Luckenbach, Assistant Engineer S. O'Hara and Public Outreach Coordinator M. Schumacher

Others: Mark Milan, Data Instincts and one member of the public

Presentation There were no presentations.

Statements of Disqualification There were no statements of disqualification.

Oral Communications

Oral communications were made by M. Boyd.

Announcements There were no announcements.

Approval of Minutes

The December 19, 2013 minutes were amended as follows: Announcements, Chair B. Daniels introduced Director Rick Meyers who has replaced Director Daniels as a Task Force alternate.

By consensus, the minutes were approved.

Information Items No action was taken on this item.

1. 2013 City Council appointments to the scwd² Desalination Task Force
2. 2013 Meeting Schedule
3. Correspondence from J. Bentley dated 01/17/2013

Director Kocher responded to Task Force questions on Information Item 3. Correspondence from J. Bentley dated 01/17/2013.

Oral communications were made by J. Bentley.

General Business

1. Task Force Role, Progress, and Outlook

Director Kocher provided a brief history and the progress of the scwd² Task Force.

Chair Daniels reported that the Task Force role only involves the Desalination program. The City has provided contract administration for the entire program without any problems until recently and he would like to have a discussion regarding future contract administration at an upcoming meeting.

The Task Force requested that further information be provided on how the determination for the 50/50 split for the investigative portion of the program was made and that the Outstanding Issues List be updated for discussion at a future meeting.

2. Independent Technical Advisor – Kennedy/Jenks Contract Amendment No. 6, Task 7

Desalination Program Coordinator H. Luckenbach provided the staff report and responded to Task Force questions.

Councilmember C. Mathews moved to recommend approval of Task 7 in the Kennedy/Jenks Contract Amendment No. 6 in the amount of \$30,000 to assist with seeking and preparing grant applications and to encourage staff to pursue Department of Water Resources support. Director B. Daniels seconded.

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AYES: P. Comstock, D. Daniels (Chair) and C. Mathews.

NOES: B. Jaffe.

3. Public Outreach Liaison Assignments

Public Outreach Coordinator M. Schumacher provided the staff report.

Director B. Jaffe and Councilmember C. Mathews were appointed as Public Outreach liaisons to provide content oversight; review Outreach materials; and to perform quarterly review of the Outreach Program including budgetary/expenses and past/future performance metrics.

Program Managers' Report

- The dEIR is scheduled for release in April.
- A Community Guide is being developed by CirclePoint for release at the same time as the dEIR.
- Raftelis is under contract to provide a financial analysis to determine the impacts to City water customers of the proposed desalination project.
- An informational Study Session between City Council and the Board of Directors is being planned. It will provide information on the process for the dEIR.
- A meeting was held in Sacramento on February 1st with many of the State regulatory agencies. This was the first meeting of this kind ever held. It was well attended and very productive. . A follow-up meeting is being planned.

Media Articles No action was taken on this item.

1. Media Article - Santa Cruz Good Times 12/12/12
2. Media Article - Santa Cruz Sentinel 12/19/12
3. Media Article - Santa Cruz Sentinel 12/22/12
4. Media Article - Santa Cruz Good Times 01/02/13
5. Media Article - Santa Cruz Sentinel 01/02/13
6. Media Article - Santa Cruz Sentinel 01/07/13
7. Media Article - Santa Cruz Sentinel 01/22/13
8. Media Article - Santa Cruz Sentinel 01/30/13
9. Media Article - Santa Cruz Sentinel 02/05/13
10. Media Article - Santa Cruz Sentinel 02/13/13

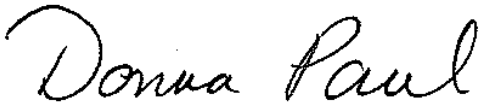
Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

Governance discussion.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. until the next regular meeting of the Desalination Task Force scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Santa Cruz Police Community Room, 155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, California

Respectfully submitted,



Staff