



## Desalination Task Force

7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, November 16, 2011

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** Councilmember D. Lane called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

### Roll Call

Present: B. Jaffe, D. Kriege, D. Lane (Chair) and D. Terrazas.

Staff: General Manager L. Brown, Water Director B. Kocher, Desalination Program Coordinator H. Luckenbach.

Others: Three members of the public.

**Presentation** There were no presentations.

**Statements of Disqualification** There were no statements of disqualification.

**Oral Communications** There were no oral communications.

**Announcements** There were no announcements.

### Approval of Minutes

Director B. Jaffe moved approval of the October 19, 2011 Desalination Task Force minutes with an amendment on page 5 first full paragraph change the word checklist to list. Director D. Kriege seconded.

VOICE VOTE            MOTION CARRIED

AYES:            B. Jaffe, D. Kriege and D. Lane.

NOES:            None.

ABSTAIN:        D. Terrazas.

### Information Items

1. Energy Study Status Report, Project Portfolio Examples and Future Considerations

Director Kriege reported on the Energy Minimization and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Study Workshop held by the Soquel Creek Water District Board of Directors on November 15, 2011.

## **General Business**

### **1. scwd<sup>2</sup> Desalination Program Permitting Advisor/Facilitator – Selection of Consultant.**

Water Director B. Kocher provided the staff report and answered Task Force questions.

Desalination Program Coordinator H. Luckenbach reported that the permitting advisor was an unfunded task in the contract with URS for the EIR. As the process has moved forward, it has been determined that this task should be done as a stand-alone contract.

Public comments were made by A. Schiffrin.

The task force discussed the cost and the need to move forward on this contract at this time.

Councilmember D. Terrazas moved to recommend approval of the Phase 1 scope of work and budget with Dudek for scwd<sup>2</sup> Desalination Program Permitting Advisor/Facilitator. Director D. Kriege seconded.

VOICE VOTE            MOTION CARRIED

AYES:            B. Jaffe, D. Kriege, D. Lane and D. Terrazas.

NOES:            None.

### **2. CEQA/NEPA Legal Support Services – Contract Amendment No. 1**

Water Director B. Kocher provided the staff report and answered Task Force questions.

Director D. Kriege moved to recommend approval of Contract Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with Remy, Thomas, Moose and Manley, LLP for legal support services during development of the environmental impact report for the scwd<sup>2</sup> Desalination Program. Councilmember D. Lane seconded.

VOICE VOTE            MOTION CARRIED

AYES:            B. Jaffe, D. Kriege, D. Lane and D. Terrazas.

NOES:            None.

### **3. State Water Resources Control Board Grant – Draft Final Report**

Water Director B. Kocher provided the staff report and answered Task Force questions.

The Task Force requested that staff send a thank you letter to all involved that includes a link to the final report online.

Director B. Jaffe moved to accept as final and submit the report required in Proposition 50 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Implementation Grant Agreement No. 07-507-550-01. Councilmember D. Terrazas seconded.

VOICE VOTE            MOTION CARRIED

AYES:            B. Jaffe, D. Kriege, D. Lane and D. Terrazas.

NOES:            None.

4. Upcoming Community Informational Meeting on Energy Use and Greenhouse Gas Emissions related to Desalination

Desalination Program Coordinator H. Luckenbach provided the staff report on this item.

Task Force Comments:

It is important to make sure the meeting is well advertised.

Councilmember D. Lane indicated the need to address the following statement during the meeting: "it would be nice to do all of the proposed energy mitigation projects whether or not a desalination plant is built."

It is important to present the energy use in a way that is credible.

Public Comments were made by K. Cook and A. Schiffrin.

No action was taken on this item.

**Program Managers' Report**

A. Work Schedule

Work continues on the draft EIR. On schedule for release - Spring 2012.

B. Upcoming Tasks

No report.

C. Additional or Amended Tasks

No report.

D. Contacts with Regulatory Agencies/Requests from Regulatory Agencies

Staff is planning the next round of meetings (Feb/March 2012) with the regulatory agencies.

E. Contracts

See General Business No. 1 and 2.

F. Public Outreach Program

The quarterly report will be presented to the Task Force in January 2012. Presentations were made to the Lodging Association, Association of Engineering Professionals and the Market Street Neighbors.

G. Budget

No report.

H. Report of Findings

A fact sheet is being prepared about other methods for “desalination.”

**Public Outreach** No action was taken on this item.

1. News Article – Santa Cruz Good Times 10/11/11
2. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 10/29/11
3. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel 11/02/11
4. News Article – SC Sentinel 11/08/11
5. News Article – SC Sentinel 11/08/11
6. News Article – SC Sentinel 11/09/11

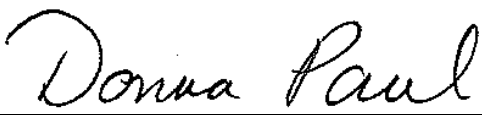
**Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas**

By consensus, the December 21, 2011 Desalination Task Force meeting was cancelled.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m. until the next regular meeting of the Desalination Task Force scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Soquel Creek Water District Board Room, 5180 Soquel Drive Soquel, California.

Respectfully submitted,



Staff