

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE HARBOR DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AT 925 HARBOR PLAZA, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ON MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2005, AT 1 P.M.

Present: Commissioners: Hancock, Cordero, Hankla, Topsy-Elvord, Calhoun  
Absent: " None

Also present:

R. D. Steinke	Executive Director
G. Knatz	Managing Director
S. B. Rubin	Managing Director
T. Teofilo	Managing Director
G. T. Hein	Executive Officer to the Board
D. A. Thiessen	Chief Harbor Engineer
T. K. Whitesell	Director of Administration
A. W. Wong	Acting Director of Communications
M. J. Slavin	Director of Finance
D. L. Albrecht	Director of Information Management
W. D. Bower	Acting Director of Maintenance
T. D. Johnson	Manager of Environmental Planning
K. J. McDermott	Director of Properties
C. Perrone	Director of Security
D. B. Snyder	Director of Trade & Maritime Services
C. A. Kemp	Director of Community Relations
D. T. Holzhaus	Principal Deputy City Attorney

PRESIDENT CALHOUN PRESIDED AS CHAIRMAN.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Upon motion by Commissioner Hankla, seconded by Commissioner Topsy-Elvord and unanimously carried, the amended minutes of the regular meeting of April 18, 2005, were declared read and approved as read.

CONGRATULATIONS.

Commissioner Topsy-Elvord acknowledged and congratulated Mr. Eric Johnson, staff writer from the Press Telegram, on winning the 2005 Meade Clean Air Prize for his eight-day series, from February 2004, exploring the air pollution impacts of the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles.

**CONSENT CALENDAR – ITEMS NOS. 1-4.**

Item No. 4 was removed from Consent Calendar for discussion after Closed Session.

1. Withdrawan.
2. **LEVEL I HARBOR DEVELOPMENT PERMITS – RECEIVED AND FILED.**

Communication from Robert Kanter, Director of Planning, by Larry Cottrill, dated April 19, 2005, requesting that the following Level I Harbor Development Permits be received and filed:

HDP #05-013	Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority – Railroad Signal Installation
HDP #05-014	California United Terminals – Crane OCR System Installation
HDP #05-017	Tidelands Oil Production Company – AST Replacement
HDP #05-021	The Coast Long Beach Hotel – Relocation and Replacement of Wave Barrier
HDP #05-023	National Response Corporation, Inc. – Site Paving

was presented to the Board. The request was approved by the Executive Director.

3. **HEATHER C. MORRIS – APPOINTMENT.**

Communication from Toni K. Whitesell, Director of Administration, dated April 20, 2005, requesting approval of the appointment of Heather C. Morris to the position of Director of Communications, at \$98,000 annually, effective May 3, 2005, was presented to the Board. The request was approved by the Executive Director.

Commissioner Cordero moved, seconded by Commissioner Topsy-Elvord that the communications be received and filed and that Items Nos. 2 and 3 be approved as recommended. Carried by the following vote:

<b>AYES:</b>	<b>Commrs:</b>	Hancock, Cordero, Hankla, Topsy-Elvord, Calhoun
<b>NOES:</b>	“	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	“	None

**REGULAR AGENDA.**

**5. 1799 INDUSTRIAL WAY, LLC – ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE DELEGATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL TO CONVEY AN UNDIVIDED ONE-HALF INTEREST OF RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY – RESOLUTION NO. HD-2249 - LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR LAND USE – DOCUMENT NO. HD-6928 AND FEE TERMINATION AGREEMENT – DOCUMENT NO. HD-6929 - ORDINANCE NO. HD-1933 - ADOPTED - APPROVE CONVEYANCE OF UNDIVIDED ONE-HALF INTEREST IN RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY – DOCUMENT NO. HD-6930 - ORDINANCE NO. HD-1934 - ADOPTED.**

Ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE REGARDING AN UNDIVIDED ONE-HALF INTEREST IN APPROXIMATELY 4,212 SQUARE FEET OF RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY, AND MAKING A DETERMINATION RELATING THERETO," was presented to the Board for its second and final reading.

Commissioner Hankla moved, seconded by Commissioner Topsy-Elvord that said ordinance be declared read for the second time and adopted as read. Carried by the following vote:

<b>AYES:</b>	<b>Commrs:</b>	<b>Hancock,Cordero,Hankla,Topsy-Elvord, Calhoun</b>
<b>NOES:</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>None</b>

Ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF AN UNDIVIDED ONE-HALF INTEREST IN APPROXIMATELY 2,228 SQUARE FEET OF RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY, AND MAKING A DETERMINATION RELATING THERETO," was presented to the Board for its second and final reading.

Commissioner Topsy-Elvord moved, seconded by Commissioner Hancock that said ordinance be declared read for the second time and adopted as read. Carried by the following vote:

<b>AYES:</b>	<b>Commrs:</b>	<b>Hancock,Cordero,Hankla,Topsy-Elvord, Calhoun</b>
<b>NOES:</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>None</b>

**6. CITY OF LOS ANGELES – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AUTHORIZED TO APPROVE PERMANENT UNDERGROUND GRANT EASEMENT DEED FOR PROPERTY ALONG THE ALAMEDA CORRIDOR – DOCUMENT NO. HD-6931 – ORDINANCE NO. HD-1935 - ADOPTED.**

Ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN UNDERGROUND EASEMENT DEED GRANTING AN EASEMENT TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, AND MAKING A DETERMINATION RELATING THERETO," was presented to the Board for its second and final reading.

Commissioner Topsy-Elvord moved, seconded by Commissioner Cordero that said ordinance be declared read for the second time and adopted as read. Carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Comms:	Hancock,Cordero,Hankla,Topsy-Elvord, Calhoun
NOES:	"	None
ABSENT:	"	None

CLOSED SESSION.

At 1:50 p.m., President Calhoun recessed the Board meeting to hold a closed session:

#### CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

- A. Closed session pursuant to Section 54956.8 of the Government Code for a conference with real property negotiators regarding the Fremont Forest Group Corporation's leasehold at Pier T, Berth 122. Port's negotiator is Kathryn McDermott and the negotiating party is Fremont Forest Group Corporation. Instructions to negotiator may include price and terms of payment.

#### CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

- B. Closed session pursuant to Section 54956.9(a) of the Government Code regarding Brutoco Engineering & Construction, Inc., etc., vs. City of Long Beach, etc., et al., Superior Court Case No. NC034400.

At 3:00 p.m., the meeting was again called to order by President Calhoun.

4. HEATHER A. TOMLEY – JOHN F. SHISKO – RUTH R. GARCIA – PATRICIA F. SHOEMAKER - APPOINTMENTS.

Communication from Toni K. Whitesell, Director of Administration, dated April 20, 2005, requesting approval of the appointments of the following individuals:

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Range &amp; Step</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Heather A. Tomley	Environmental Specialist Associate	594/4	4/26/05
John F. Shisko	Environmental Specialist I	644/6	4/26/05
Ruth R. Garcia	Transportation Planner II	650/6	5/02/05
Patricia F. Shoemaker	Port Planner III	680/7	4/26/05

was presented to the Board. The request was approved by the Executive Director.

In response to questions by Commissioner Topsy-Elvord, Ms. Whitesell clarified the range and steps of the appointments.

Commissioner Topsy-Elvord moved, seconded by Commissioner Hancock that the communication be received and filed and that the above named individuals be appointed to the positions indicated. Carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Comms:	Hancock, Cordero, Hankla, Topsy-Elvord, Calhoun
NOES:	"	None
ABSENT:	"	None

ADJOURNED.

At 3:10 p.m., Commissioner Cordero moved, seconded by Commissioner Hancock that the meeting be adjourned sine die. Carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Comms:	Hancock, Cordero, Hankla, Topsy-Elvord, Calhoun
NOES:	"	None
ABSENT:	"	None

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
MARCH 17, 2005**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chris Kozaites, President, at 9:00 a.m., at the El Dorado Park West Community Center, in the Senior Center Library. Phil Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine, took roll call and confirmed a quorum.

**Present:** Chris Kozaites, President  
Harry Saltzgaver, Vice President  
Raymond Chavarria  
Simon George  
Drew Satariano

**Absent:** Bea Antenore – excused  
William Marmion - excused

**Staff:** Phil Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine  
Thomas Shippey, Manager, Maintenance Operations Bureau  
Dennis Eschen, Manager, Planning and Development Bureau  
Janet Day-Anselmo, Manager, Business Operations Bureau  
Gwendolyn Parker, Superintendent of Contracts and Revenue Development  
Diane Lewis, Manager, Community Enrichment Programs Bureau  
Sherri Nixon-Joiner, Superintendent, Community Recreation Programs  
Steven Neal, Chief Ranger  
Robin Black, Executive Secretary to the Director

**Guests:** Teddi Lattimore, Student, California State University, Dominguez Hills  
Dave San Jose, Bikes 90800  
Robert Lamond, Partners of Parks  
Rick Holcomb, Camden  
George Medak  
Kurt Buxton, HRP Landesign

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 17, 2005**

**It was moved by Commissioner George and seconded by Vice President Saltzgaver to approve the February 17, 2005 Parks and Recreation Commission minutes. The motion carried unanimously.**

**III. SAMMY AWARD PRESENTATION – CHRISSEY MARSHALL**

President Kozaites stated that the Sammy Award would be postponed until the April 21 meeting.

**IV. EMPLOYEE-OF-THE-MONTH PRESENTATION FOR MARCH**

President Kozaites stated that Vice President Saltzgaver would announce the Employee of the Month.

Vice President Saltzgaver announced Joe Ambrose as the March Supervisory Employee of the Month, from the Maintenance Operations Bureau.

Mr. Shippey stated that Joe Ambrose is a long-time City employee and his job has undergone one of the biggest changes over the years. He said that Mr. Ambrose was a park maintenance supervisor and due to the budget cuts, he was moved to the Beach Maintenance Division, where he supervises the parking lot cleanup and trash pick-up of the beach areas. Mr. Shippey stated that Mr. Ambrose was able to make this huge adjustment with no problem and that he is an exemplary employee.

Mr. Hester said that he wanted to recognize some people who were nominated and would be receiving some awards. He distributed a press release recognizing Department employee Robbie Stewart, who would be inducted into the Long Beach City College Hall of Champions for her background and contributions in basketball, volleyball, and softball. He said that she is currently very active in the National Volleyball Association national tournaments and really represents the City and the Department well.

Ms. Sherri Nixon-Joiner stated that Ms. Stewart grew up at Whaley Park and was part of the Department's youth program when she was young. She said that Ms. Stewart is the Department's biggest champion of the youth sports program.

Mr. Hester stated that he also asked that Mr. David San Jose attend the Commission meeting today. He said that Mr. San Jose is the founder of the Bikes 90800 program centered out of Houghton Park. He said that the Department nominated David for a California Park and Recreation Society (CPRS) award called "Champion of the Community," and he was selected by the state organization, which was announced at the state conference in Sacramento. Mr. Hester stated that Mr. San Jose does a lot of fundraising and works very closely with the kids in North Long Beach and has been a real supporter of parks and recreation programs that have a positive impact on the community. Mr. Hester presented the CPRS award to Mr. San Jose.

Ms. San Jose thanked the Department for the opportunity to be involved in the youth and the parks.

Vice President Saltzgaver stated that he lives two blocks from the park and Mr. San Jose epitomizes making a difference one kid at a time and he has touched a lot of lives with his program. He appreciates what Mr. San Jose does.

Commissioner Chavarria said that it is an honor to see this award given to Mr. San Jose and thanked him for supporting the kids.

Mr. Hester stated that the Department was recently notified that the renovation at the Skylinks at Long Beach Golf course was selected as the top renovation project of a municipal course in the United States and it received an award from Golf Magazine at their conference in San Diego. He said that this award is quite an honor.

Mr. Hester said he was notified that one of the Department's employees just completed 25 years of service. He presented Robin Black with an award from the City for completing 25 years of service to the City of Long Beach.

#### **V. COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS**

##### **#05-0301**

##### **PERSONAL SERVICES/INSTRUCTION AGREEMENTS-MONTHLY APPROVAL**

**It was moved by Vice President Saltzgaver and seconded by Commissioner Chavarria to authorize the Community Recreation Programs Bureau manager or his or her management designee to execute the Personal Services and Instruction Agreements and amend Attachment "A" of the agreements as needed. The motion carried unanimously.**

##### **#05-0302**

##### **REQUEST FOR PERMIT APPROVAL AND FEE WAIVER FOR CAMBODIAN NEW YEAR CELEBRATION ON APRIL 16, 2005, IN AREA III OF EL DORADO EAST REGIONAL PARK**

Mr. Hester stated that this is the annual Cambodian New Year event held at El Dorado East Regional Park; each year they request a waiver of permit fees, worth about \$4,200. He said that the individuals still pay vehicle entry fees into the park and the group pays for staff costs, such as park rangers, intervention and prevention outreach workers, police services, etc. He said that David Ashman has been working closely with the group.

**It was moved by Commissioner Chavarria and seconded by Commissioner Satariano to approve the issuance of a permit to the Cambodian Coordinating Committee for a New Year Celebration in El Dorado East Regional Park on April 16, 2005, and authorize the waiver of all related permit fees. The motion carried unanimously.**



**#05-0303**

REQUEST FOR A FIRST AMENDMENT TO PERMIT NO. 27603 TO CHANGE THE PERMITTEE NAME FROM CESAR CHAVEZ SOCCER LEAGUE TO CESAR CHAVEZ YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION AND TO SELL NON-PERISHABLE FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING LEAGUE GAMES AND EVENTS

Mr. Hester stated that basically the organization has changed their name and this is to reflect that change on their permit.

It was moved by Vice President Saltzgaver and seconded by Commissioner Satariano to approve an amendment to Permit No. 27603 to change the name of the organization from Cesar Chavez Soccer League to Cesar Chavez Youth Soccer Association, approve the sale of non-perishable food and non-alcoholic beverages at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, Drake Park, Admiral Kidd Park, and Veterans Park during league games and events and, waive the fifteen percent (15%) concession fee associated with those sales. The motion carried with Commissioner Chavarria abstaining.

**VI. COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS**

**A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
President Kozaites, Chair

President Kozaites stated that the Committee met and discussed a few items, particularly the upcoming budget, and the Committee would be meeting again soon to discuss the budget.

**B. FINANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE**  
Commissioner Satariano, Chair

Commissioner Satariano stated that the financial statement was included in the packet. He said that 42% of the fiscal year has expired and the numbers look fairly aligned. They have also had a Fee Waiver Committee meeting and they would want to meet again a few times before they bring the final amended policy to the Commission.

**C. PARK SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
Commissioner Marmion, Chair

President Kozaites stated that Commissioner Marmion is not at the meeting, but the report was included in the packet.

Commissioner Chavarria congratulated Chief Neal and his staff on the work they do.

D. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AND CUSTOMER SATISFACTION COMMITTEE  
Commissioner Chavarria, Chair

Commissioner Chavarria stated that they did not have a meeting this month.

E. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS COMMITTEE  
Vice President Saltzgaver, Chair

Vice President Saltzgaver stated that there was no meeting this month. He said that he attended the Rotary Centennial Park Rotary Club ceremony but that the park is not yet open to the public. He said that the Rotary Club raised another \$6,000 to put sod in the park instead of seeding it, so the park can open sooner.

Commissioner Chavarria said that he stopped by and the park will be awesome. He thanked Anna Mendiola and Dennis Eschen for their work on the park. He suggested that a letter be sent to the Rotary Club thanking them for their donations.

Mr. Hester stated that the Department is working with the Council office to do a community opening in about a month and the neighborhood would be invited.

Mr. Hester stated that Daryle W. Black Memorial Park has been completed and staff has been working with the Council office to schedule an opening to the public. An official dedication would be done after the statue is installed in a few months.

Mr. Hester stated that the issues with the contractor have been resolved at Burton W. Chace Park and a tentative date has been set for May 7, for an official opening.

Commissioner Chavarria stated that a dedication of the Admiral Kidd Park was held for the soccer field and the parking lot. He said that the community loves the park.

President Kozaites stated that Commissioner Chavarria brought up a good idea and maybe the Commission should send a letter to the Rotary Club thanking them for their donations.

F. CITY SCHOOLS/JOINT COMMITTEE  
Commissioner Antenore, Chair

President Kozaites stated that Commissioner Antenore is not at the meeting and no meeting was held this month.

**VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSION**

**A. DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT – FEBRUARY 2005**

Commissioner Satariano stated that in the Equal Employment Opportunity and Customer Satisfaction Committee they have been discussing community outreach that occurs in the neighborhoods that does not come up on the customer comment cards. He said that at the bottom of Page 12, is mentioned that during February staff attended a total of 23 community meetings. He said that he wanted to call that to the Commission's attention.

Commissioner Chavarria congratulated Maintenance Operations Bureau staff for their work in cleaning the beaches during the storms at this time of year.

Vice President Saltzgaver thanked staff for the tour, which he thought was very critical to him.

Commissioner Chavarria thanked Phil Hester for being the tour guide.

President Kozaites thanked Mr. Hester for the tour and stated that the tour should be an annual event.

**VIII. CORRESPONDENCE**

**A. LETTERS FROM TUCKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

President Kozaites stated that a letter was received from a teacher at Tucker Elementary School. He said that he talked to Miss Veith and offered to speak to the class about their questions.

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

President Kozaites stated that there was no unfinished business.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. APPROVAL OF PLANS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF VICTORY PARK AT 150 WEST OCEAN BOULEVARD**

Mr. Eschen distributed a site plan to the Commissioners. He said that this is the third phase of the Camden Development, which was once known as the Pike Properties Development, who were prior owners. He said that the site is located between the Ocean Center building and the

Verizon building. The design guidelines for Victory Park are very strict and exact in terms of what needs to go into the park and this complies with every one of the design guidelines. He said that the site is actually dedicating a larger area than is required by the Local Coastal Plan. He said that George Medak and Rick Holcomb are present to make a few comments.

Mr. Rick Holcomb said he was with Camden and this has been a long project for them and he appreciates the Commission's support. He said that he also brought Kurt Buxton, who is their landscape consultant responsible for the design.

Mr. Hester requested that Mr. Holcomb show the boundary lines on the project.

Mr. Holcomb showed the boundary with the additional area added to Victory Park.

Vice President Saltzgaver asked how tall the building would be. Mr. Holcomb responded that it is not approved yet, but it is proposed to be 17 or 18 stories.

President Kozaites asked when would the park be developed in the project. Mr. Holcomb responded that it would be developed in conjunction with the project itself. He said that they are slated for a May 5 Planning Commission approval and that construction would take approximately two years, so the park might be developed in about three years.

President Kozaites requested that Victory Park be included on next year's tour.

Mr. Hester stated that he would like to go through and maybe add more park signage to Victory Park.

Mr. Bob Lamond stated that as one of the survivors of the LCP Committee, he thought that the plan looked pretty good.

**It was moved by Commissioner Chavarria and seconded by Commissioner Satariano to approve the design of Victory Park adjacent to 150 W. Ocean Boulevard. The motion carried unanimously.**

**XI. COMMENTS**

**A. AUDIENCE**

There were no comments from the audience.

**B. STAFF**

Ms. Diane Lewis mentioned that the Rancho Los Cerritos would be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on April 3, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., and the rededication ceremony would be at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Eschen stated that he is putting together a joint meeting with the Capital Improvements Committee and the Commission on Disabilities.

**C. COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Chavarria stated that the Chavez Luncheon would be held on March 28. He said that there are a lot of Easter activities planned in the parks. He mentioned that he would like the Parks and Recreation Commissioners listed on the back of the "*Senior Post*."

Commissioner Chavarria said that he was wondering what the status was of the Rancho Los Alamitos.

Mr. Hester stated that the Rancho submitted a grant application for their barns project, but did not receive it. He said they are trying to decide whether they should resubmit an application for the grant in the future. He said that they could be asked to do a presentation to the Commission in the future.

Commissioner Chavarria congratulated the Rancho Los Cerritos on receiving the Long Beach Heritage Preservation Award.

Commissioner Satariano said that the Baseball/Softball Hall of Fame Committee held their first meeting last night to bring in the second class and they determined that they would have a maximum of five persons on the baseball side and on the softball side, a maximum of three women and three men. He said that they have determined that May 14 would be the likely day for the ceremony, which is the last game of the CSULB Dirtbags. He said they would be inviting all the past inductees too. Commissioner Satariano said they are encouraging the public to submit names, so no one will be left out.

Vice President Saltzgaver stated that there has been a call for nominations to commissions and he believes the deadline is next month. He said that the Parks and Recreation Commission will have one vacancy and if anyone has any good recommendations to remind them to submit an application.

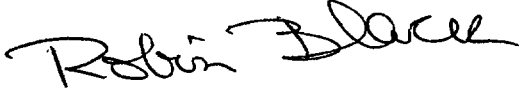
**XII. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 21, 2005, at the El Dorado Park West Community Center, in the Senior Center library, 2800 Studebaker Road, Long Beach.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

President Kozaites adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robin Black". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robin Black  
Executive Secretary  
to the Director

c: Phil T. Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS**  
**LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA**  
**APRIL 14, 2005**

The Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Long Beach met in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 1800 E. Wardlow Road, Long Beach, California, on April 14, 2005. The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by President Hansen.

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Helen Z. Hansen	Commissioner
	Stephen T. Conley	Commissioner
	Frank Clarke	Commissioner
	C.J. Mike Walter	Commissioner
	Bennett A. Long	Commissioner
	Donna F. Gwin	Senior Deputy City Attorney
	Kevin L. Wattier	General Manager
	Lynnette L. French	Secretary to the Board of Water Commissioners
	Diem X. Vuong	Assistant General Manager
	Ryan J. Alsop	Manager, Government & Public Affairs
	Kenneth A. Walker	Manager, Administration
	Matthew P. Lyons	Manager, Planning/Water Conservation
	Robert C. Cheng	Director of Operations
	Isaac C. Pai	Director of Engineering
	Paul T. Fujita	Director of Finance
	Robert Swain	Division Engineer
	Robert Villanueva	Division Engineer
	Reymundo Trejo	Civil Engineer
	Juan F. Garza	Administrative Analyst I
	Carolyn A. Hill	Senior Secretary

**ABSENT:** None

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Bennett Long, Board of Water Commissioner, led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

March 31, 2005

Upon motion by Commissioner Walter, seconded by Commissioner Long, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 31, 2005, were approved.

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Hansen opened the public comment period. As there were no requests to address the Board, the public comment period was closed.

### **4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- **Helen Z. Hansen, President, Board of Water Commissioners**

#### Diamond Valley Lake (DVL) Inspection Tour

On Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) hosted a one-day inspection tour of Diamond Valley Lake for retired Region XIV Association of California School Administrators from Long Beach and adjacent communities. The day began with an overview of Long Beach's water supply portfolio provided by Kevin Wattier, General Manager. Diem Vuong, Assistant General Manager, discussed seawater desalination and demonstrated pilot seawater desalination equipment. The concluding presentation was provided by Robert Cheng, Director of Operations, who explained the various functions of the Groundwater Treatment Plant.

Following the presentations, the group departed for an inspection tour of the facilities which surround Diamond Valley Lake, Southern California's largest drinking water reservoir, built and operated by the MWD. The visit also included an opportunity to see Santa Rosa Plateau, Metropolitan's ecological and multi-species reserves adjacent to DVL, home to at least eight types of habitat as well as sensitive bird, animal, and plant species.

#### Long Beach Water Department (LBWD) Water Ambassadors

The LBWD Water Ambassadors, volunteers who are active in a number of endeavors to inform the public about important water issues, will be recognized for their contributions to the community during the April 21<sup>st</sup> Committee of the Whole Meeting. A brief reception for the group will be held at 8:45 a.m. in the Board Lounge, followed by the Board meeting at 9:15 a.m.

#### Staff Commendation

President Hansen announced that this week the LBWD was awarded \$6 million in Proposition 50 (Water Bond) funding for its seawater desalination and reclaimed water system expansion program. She commended the staff members who were involved in the endeavors to secure the funding and suggested that the Board plan a formal recognition of these individuals in the near future.



**5. REPORT OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT (MWD)  
BOARD MEETING ON APRIL 12, 2005**

President Hansen, in her capacity as the City of Long Beach MWD Director, provided the following summary of the MWD Board meeting on April 12, 2005:

New Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

The Board approved contract terms for Dennis B. Underwood, the new CEO and General Manager. Under the contract, Mr. Underwood will receive \$260,000 annually, with a one-year severance package. In his opening remarks, the new CEO said relationships should be established with various entities long before a crisis happens. He called for a two-way flow of information, pledged to create a safe and innovative work environment to allow Metropolitan to react to changing conditions, and said he would be defining his goals as part of a four-year plan.

Weymouth Plant Improvements

The Board appropriated \$17.8 million; authorized final design of ozone facilities; and amended a consulting agreement for the Weymouth Oxidation Retrofit Program, which is scheduled to replace Weymouth's chlorine system with ozone by December 2009. The Board also appropriated \$4.13 million and awarded a \$3.13 million construction contract to Brutoco Engineering to replace pipelines and nozzles in a filter-washing system.

Pomona Nitrate Removal Project

The Board entered into a Local Resources Program (LRP) agreement with Three Valleys Municipal Water District and the city of Pomona to produce 1,100-acre-feet of water per year by removing nitrates from a groundwater well. The 25-year agreement involves \$2.6 million in financial incentives.

Simi Valley Brackish Water Cleanup Project

The Board approved a Local Resources Program agreement with Calleguas Municipal Water District and Ventura County Waterworks District No. 8 to desalt 1,455 acre-feet of brackish groundwater per year for the city of Simi Valley as part of a proposed Tapo Canyon Groundwater Treatment Project. Incentives will total \$4.5 million over 25 years.

Drinking Water Quality Policy Principles

The Board approved water quality policy principles supporting a regulatory process for setting drinking water standards, using sound scientific principles, rather than having standards or deadlines inserted into legislation. The principles also call for benefit/cost analyses and adequate resources for treatment and cleanup. Although some Board

members felt the principles needed further refinement, the majority agreed that further delays would hamper Metropolitan's ability to take positions on upcoming bills.

### Legislation

The Board voted to:

- Support AB 1244 (Wolk) formally establishing the Environmental Water Account under the CALFED program, provided amendments are made in response to any new financing program proposed by the Bay-Delta Authority. The Board voted to put AB 1244 (Wolk), a CALFED bill, on a "watch" list.
- Conceptually support AB 1453 (Daucher) which would set up a system of "water courts" within the state's nine Superior Courts to hear water rights and groundwater issues.
- Support SB 820 (Kuehl), with certain clarifying amendments. The bill would set up a statewide groundwater reporting requirements, and would set a 2010 deadline for agricultural suppliers to file water management plans with the state.
- Oppose AB 1290 (La Malfa) and oppose SB 31 (Florez) unless amended, both dealing with water rights fees.
- Support SB 543 (Margett), if amended, regarding State Water Project permits.

### **6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

- **Kevin L. Wattier, General Manager**

#### Community Outreach

Mr. Wattier stated that he enjoyed the opportunity to address the participants on the DVL one-day tour on April 6<sup>th</sup>. He added that the seawater desalination equipment demonstrated by Mr. Vuong was actually a smaller, solar powered version of a 9,000 gallon per day pilot-scale desalter invented by Mr. Vuong. This innovative technology, which incorporates a unique two-stage nanofiltration process, is the basis for the Water Department's research-oriented approach to seawater desalination to establish the cost effectiveness and environmental impact of seawater desalination.

Mr. Wattier reported that later in the day he spoke to a group of ARCO retirees during a luncheon meeting at El Dorado Park. He noted that these types of presentations are always well received by various community groups who invariably express both interest and appreciation for the Water Department's commitment to water quality and reliability.

### Conjunctive Use Project

On April 6<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Wattier was asked to speak to the Water Replenishment District (WRD) Board of Directors on behalf of the Central Basin Municipal Water District, the West Basin Municipal Water District, the Compton Water Department, the LBWD, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, and the City of Torrance, the six MWD member agencies that overlie both the Central and West Coast Groundwater basins. The comments were offered to request the WRD's consideration of interim rules and regulations which will allow for conjunctive use storage programs in both basins.

### MWD Annual Progress Report to the California State Legislature

Mr. Wattier called the Board's attention to the "Annual Progress Report to the California State Legislature" published by the MWD. He explained that the document provides an overview of Metropolitan's achievements in conservation, recycling, and groundwater recharge in 2004. He added that the report will be placed on file in the Water Department's library.

### Seawater Desalination

Mr. Wattier reported that the MWD member agency managers had a very productive meeting on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, to discuss the execution of contracts between the member agencies and the MWD to provide financial incentives for the construction of seawater desalination plants. He commended President Hansen for the positive contribution she made to the negotiations during the MWD member agency caucus meeting on Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

### Proposition 50 Grant Funding

On Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Wattier attended a special public workshop held in Sacramento during which the State of California Department of Water Resources announced its Proposition 50 desalination grant funding recommendations. The LBWD has been selected to receive \$3 million for its seawater desalination research and development project. The comprehensive project includes the design, construction, and subsequent research of an under ocean floor intake and discharge demonstration system to demonstrate an alternative to traditional open ocean intake and discharge practices.

Mr. Wattier reported that the Water Department has also been advised that the California Water Resources Control Board earmarked \$3.25 million in construction funding, available through Proposition 50, for the Long Beach Recycled Water System Expansion Project. The Department's recycled water system expansion, when complete, will more than double recycled water use in Long Beach from 4,000 acre-feet to 9,000 acre-feet annually, eventually meeting 12 percent of the city's total water demand.

Personnel

Mr. Wattier reported that Diem Vuong, Assistant General Manager, has announced his retirement from the LBWD on July 1, 2005. He stated that Mr. Vuong has been invaluable to the Water Department and that his professional expertise and work ethic has been beyond compare. He has provided the oversight for a number of improvements in the operations of the Water Department and has provided the technical knowledge for much of the Department's development of the seawater desalination program. Mr. Vuong will be formally recognized by the Board at a date to be determined.

**7. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

- **Donna F. Gwin, Senior Deputy City Attorney**

No report was given.

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**8a. Approval of Transfer of Funds by Journal Entry Dated April 14, 2005**

Transfers No. 136 through No. 146 in the total amount of \$492,363.83 covering the Water and Sewer Revenue Funds, were submitted to the Board for approval.

**8b. Request Authorization for the General Manager to Sign a Memorandum of Understanding to Work Cooperatively Regarding Imported Water and Groundwater Resource Management in the Central and West Coast Basins**

A communication was presented to the Board from Eric Leung which is on file at the Long Beach Water Department.

Action Requested:

- That the Board authorize the General Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to Work Cooperatively Regarding Imported Water and Groundwater Resource Management in the Central and West Coast Basins.

Recognizing the success of the Long Beach Conjunctive Use project, the City of Los Angeles wants to participate in conjunctive uses of the Central and West Coast Basins. The members of the 5-part agreement (Central Basin Municipal Water District, West Basin Municipal Water District, Torrance, Compton, and the Long

Beach Water Department) wish to replace the existing agreement with this Memorandum of Understanding to include the City of Los Angeles.

**8c. Request Authorization for the General Manager to Sign a Developer's Agreement with the Long Beach Memorial Medical Center to Relocate and Construct Portions of Existing Potable Waterlines**

A communication was presented to the Board from Isaac Pai which is on file at the Long Beach Water Department.

Action Requested:

- That the Board authorize the General Manager to sign a Developer's Agreement with the Long Beach Memorial Medical Center (LBMMC) to relocate and construct existing potable waterlines within the LBMMC's campus located at 2801 Atlantic Avenue.

The improvements will be constructed at no cost to and shall be in accordance with the standards of the Long Beach Water Department.

Board Action

It was moved by Commissioner Conley and seconded by Commissioner Long that the Board approve Consent Calendar items 8a-8c. The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>HELEN HANSEN, STEPHEN CONLEY,</u> <u>FRANK CLARKE, C.J. MIKE WALTER,</u> <u>BENNETT LONG</u>
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>NONE</u>
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>NONE</u>
ABSTAIN:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>NONE</u>

**9. STAFF PRESENTATION – CAST IRON MAIN REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

- **Isaac C. Pai, Director of Engineering**

Mr. Pai explained that the Water Department is responsible for maintaining over 900 miles of water mains, most of which were laid in the early 1900's. In 1978, the Water Department was replacing outdated cast iron water mains with mains made of ductile iron

pipe at the rate of 27,000 linear feet per year. The decisive factors for replacing the water pipelines were the type of pipe, age, water quality, flow, pressure, and breakage history. A study conducted by Parsons Engineering in 1998 helped to identify and prioritize cost effective methods to embark on a 20-year replacement program at an annual rate of 100,000 linear feet of main. Through operational improvements and asset management tools, such as hydraulic modeling and GIS programs, this replacement program has been very effectively implemented. There has been a remarkable decrease in the number of main breaks over the past several years.

Mr. Pai explained that currently, 210 miles of cast iron main have yet to be replaced. To implement the Board's mission statements and to strike a balance between rate increases and staffing levels, in Fiscal Year 2002-2003 the amount of linear feet to be replaced was reduced to 70,000 linear feet, and last year down to 60,000 linear feet. Staff will continue to closely monitor and administer the program in a cost-effective and responsible manner.

**10. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES/ACTIONS/BILLS**

- **Ryan J. Alsop, Manager, Government and Public Affairs**

**10a. Adopt Support Position for AB 1168 (Saldana), Safe Desalinated Drinking Water Bill**

Executive Summary

Mr. Alsop explained that AB 1168 would require the State Department of Health Services (DHS), to identify potential contaminants and sources of contamination and ensure the safety and effectiveness of treatment processes when reviewing an application for a water system operating permit for a ground or seawater desalination project. Specifically, the bill provides for the DHS to identify potential sources of contamination, including municipal and industrial waste discharges, runoff, and any naturally occurring sources of contamination such as toxins produced by algae.

Mr. Alsop noted that the Long Beach Seawater Desalination Project, which utilizes a unique and very innovative dual-stage nanofiltration membrane treatment process, known as the Long Beach Method, has been shown to significantly mitigate contaminants that pose a threat or any potential threat to public health.

Board Action

After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Conley and seconded by Commissioner Walter to adopt a Support Position for AB 1168 (Saldana), Safe Desalinated Drinking Water Bill.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>HELEN HANSEN, STEPHEN CONLEY,</u> <u>FRANK CLARKE, C.J. MIKE WALTER,</u> <u>BENNETT LONG</u>
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>NONE</u>
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>NONE</u>
ABSTAIN:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>NONE</u>

#### Solar Cup

Mr. Alsop announced that the MWD will hold its annual Solar Cup competition at Lake Skinner on May 13-15, 2005, and invited the Board to attend. Solar Cup is a contest where teams of high school students construct and compete solar-powered boats involving the students with alternative energy sources, solar conversion, creative thinking, and stewardship of natural resources. The LBWD is proud to sponsor Long Beach Polytechnic High School for the third consecutive year.

Departure of Commissioner: Commissioner Conley left the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

#### **10. NEW BUSINESS**

##### Excused Absence: Commissioner Conley

It was moved by Commissioner Walter, seconded by Commissioner Long, and unanimously carried, that Commissioner Conley be excused from the Board Meeting of April 28, 2005.

##### News Articles of Interest

Commissioner Long expressed his appreciation for the News Articles of Interest which are made available to the Board of Water Commissioners. He noted that in the future, given the length of the articles, an executive summary would be helpful.

##### Sacramento Legislative Day

Commissioner Long stressed the importance of maintaining open and productive relationships with our local elected officials in Sacramento. He then recommended scheduling a legislative day in the capitol for the Board to meet with Long Beach representatives in the California Senate and Assembly.

##### Long Beach Seawater Desalination Project

Commissioner Walter called the Board's attention to the article which appeared in the April 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the "Press Telegram" citing the LBWD for its receipt of \$3 million in

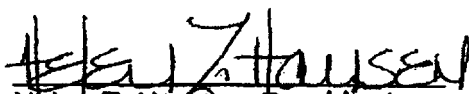
Proposition 50 funding for its seawater desalination project. He complimented Ryan Alsop, Manager, Government and Public Affairs, for his efforts to publicize the grant and to inform the community about this important project.

#### 11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Commissioner Clarke, seconded by Commissioner Walter, and unanimously carried, that the meeting be adjourned at 11:00 a.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Water Commission to be held on Thursday, April 28, 2005, at 9:15 a.m., in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 1800 E. Wardlow, in Long Beach, California.

  
Frank Clarke, Secretary

Attest:

  
Helen Z. Hansen, President



**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA  
APRIL 28, 2005**

The Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Long Beach met in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 1800 E. Wardlow Road, Long Beach, California, on April 28, 2005. The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by President Hansen.

<p><b>PRESENT:</b> Helen Z. Hansen Frank Clarke C.J. Mike Walter Bennett A. Long Donna F. Gwin Kevin L. Wattier Lynnette L. French</p> <p>Diem X. Vuong Ryan J. Alsop Kenneth A. Walker Matthew P. Lyons Robert C. Cheng Isaac C. Pai Paul T. Fujita Robert Swain Robert Villanueva Reymundo Trejo Juan F. Garza Melissa L. Keyes Carolyn A. Hill</p>	<p>Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner Senior Deputy City Attorney General Manager Secretary to the Board of Water Commissioners Assistant General Manager Manager, Government &amp; Public Affairs Manager, Administration Manager, Planning/Water Conservation Director of Operations Director of Engineering Director of Finance Division Engineer Division Engineer Civil Engineer Administrative Analyst I Administrative Projects Coordinator Senior Secretary</p>
<p><b>ABSENT:</b> Stephen T. Conley</p>	<p>Commissioner (Excused)</p>

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Diem Vuong, Assistant General Manager, led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

April 14, 2005

Upon motion by Commissioner Walter, seconded by Commissioner Clarke, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 14, 2005, were approved.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Hansen opened the public comment period. As there were no requests to address the Board, the public comment period was closed.

### 4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- **Helen Z. Hansen, President, Board of Water Commissioners**

#### Upcoming Events

President Hansen reported that the Board will attend the annual Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Citizen Award dinner on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. This year's recipient of the Distinguished Citizen Award is Gerald R. Miller, Long Beach City Manager.

The Metropolitan Water District (MWD) sponsored inspection tour of the Colorado River Aqueduct facilities is scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup>-May 7<sup>th</sup>.

### 5. REVIEW BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE – MAY 2005

President Hansen called the Board's attention to the calendar for the month of May 2005 and the Board agreed to the following meeting schedule:

Wednesday, May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Committee of the Whole
Thursday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Committee of the Whole

### 6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- **Kevin L. Wattier, General Manager**

#### Long Beach Water Department (LBWD) Staffing Issues

The LBWD has enlisted the services of Roberts Consulting Group, Inc., (RCG) to conduct a search for a new Deputy General Manager, a position which was vacated January 1, 2005. RCG has extensive experience recruiting senior level water/utility executives and is familiar with the LBWD from prior recruitments for this organization.

Henry Rivera, Manager of Information Technology, has tendered his resignation from the LBWD and has accepted an offer to return to the private industry as an executive with the global engineering and technology firm of National Engineering Technology. Mr. Rivera has been instrumental in developing a number of technology initiatives at the LBWD and Mr. Wattier stated that the Water Department wishes him well in this new endeavor.

### Conjunctive Use Program

The LBWD is working with the Central Basin Municipal Water District, the West Basin Municipal Water District, the Compton Water Department, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, and the City of Torrance, the MWD member agencies that overlie both the Central and West Coast groundwater basins, with regards to conjunctive use storage programs in both basins.

### Mainbreak

Isaac Pai, Director of Engineering, reported that on Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, Water Department crews responded to a mainbreak in the 1400 block of Pacific Avenue. The 8-inch main was installed in 1914 through an alley between Pacific and Pine Avenue. Water service was turned off while repairs were made, and the Water Department crews did an outstanding job of restoring service to the area by early evening.

Mr. Vuong discussed the logistics which are involved in the replacement of a watermain which is located in an alley. The Board embarked on an extensive discussion of the subject and suggested that this would be an excellent time to accelerate public information efforts with regards to the Water Department's alley main conversion program.

### Seawater Desalination Program

On Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Wattier met with Dennis Underwood, the Chief Executive Officer of the MWD, to discuss the Water Department's seawater desalination project. A focus of the discussion was the importance of finalizing the proposed financial incentive agreements between Metropolitan and five of its member agencies, including the LBWD, for the construction of seawater desalination plants.

### Synthetic Turf

On Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, the LBWD completed the first installation of its artificial turf demonstration garden in front of the Administration Building. A 15x30 foot section of artificial turf, the first of three sections to be installed over the next four weeks, will serve as a point of reference for Long Beach residents and landscape contractors who are interested in making homes more "California Friendly".

## **7. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

- **Donna F. Gwin, Senior Deputy City Attorney**

No report was given.

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**8a. Approval of Transfer of Funds by Journal Entry Dated April 28, 2005**

Transfers No. 147 through No. 153 in the total amount of \$291,796.52 covering the Water and Sewer Revenue Funds, were submitted to the Board for approval.

**8b. Receive and File the List of Vendor Payments for March 2005**

A communication was presented to the Board from Paul Fujita which is on file at the Long Beach Water Department.

Action Requested:

- That the Board receive and file the list of vendor payments for the month of March 2005.

The payments were made in accordance with City and Water Department policies and have been reviewed and approved by the City Auditor's office.

**8c. Approval of Retirement Order No. 6059 for Water Meters Which Are Obsolete**

Retirement Order No. 6059, covering water meters which have become obsolete or unrepairable, was distributed to the Board. Staff recommends that the items listed be removed from the Department's records and salvaged.

Board Action

It was moved by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Walter that the Board approve Consent Calendar items 8a-8c.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>HELEN HANSEN, FRANK CLARKE,</u>
		<u>C.J. MIKE WALTER, BENNETT LONG</u>
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>NONE</u>
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>STEPHEN CONLEY</u>
ABSTAIN:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>NONE</u>

**9. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR  
2005-2006 CRITICAL OBJECTIVES**

- **Matthew P. Lyons, Manager, Planning/Water Conservation**

Executive Summary

Mr. Lyons explained that each year during its budget deliberations, the Board of Water Commissioners adopts Critical Objectives for the next fiscal year. The Critical Objectives articulate specific goals and accompanying measurable benchmarks towards success. On January 27, 2005, the Board of Water Commissioners first reviewed and provided comments on the proposed Fiscal Year 2005-2006 (FY 06) Critical Objectives. Subsequent review and discussions by the Board were held on March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 21<sup>st</sup> and the Board's revisions incorporated into the document which is before the Board today.

Board Discussion/Action

The Board briefly discussed the Critical Objectives and Commissioner Long commended the staff for their efforts in this endeavor. After the discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Clarke and seconded by Commissioner Walter that the Board adopt the Critical Objectives for Fiscal Year 2006 as presented. The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>HELEN HANSEN, FRANK CLARKE,</u>
		<u>C.J. MIKE WALTER, BENNETT LONG</u>
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>NONE</u>
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>STEPHEN CONLEY</u>
ABSTAIN:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>NONE</u>

**10. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES/ACTIONS/BILLS**

- **Ryan J. Alsop, Manager, Government and Public Affairs**

**10a. Authorize the General Manager to Sign a Letter of Support for the  
American Water Works Association Research Foundation's  
Annual Funding Request to Congress to be Mailed to the  
California Congressional Delegation**

Executive Summary

Mr. Alsop explained that the American Water Works Association Research Foundation (AwwaRF) is a member-supported, international, nonprofit organization that sponsors research to enable water utilities, public health agencies, and other professionals to provide safe and affordable drinking water to consumers. The Long Beach Water Department is a member of the AwwaRF and contributes funding to this united research effort.

The congressional appropriations process has recently been reorganized, and as a result, the budget for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and AwwaRF's associated earmark, has been reassigned to the House and Senate Subcommittees on Interior Appropriations. In an effort to bring AwwaRF to the attention of the members of the Appropriation Subcommittees on the Interior, it is recommended that the General Manager of the Long Beach Water Department join other key water industry leaders from California in signing a letter outlining the importance of the AwwaRF partnership with the EPA .

#### Board Action

After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Clarke and seconded by Commissioner Long to authorize the General Manager to sign a Letter of Support for the American Water Works Association Research Foundation's annual funding request to Congress to be mailed to the California Congressional Delegation

The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>HELEN HANSEN, FRANK CLARKE,</u> <u>C.J. MIKE WALTER, BENNETT LONG</u>
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>NONE</u>
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>STEPHEN CONLEY</u>
ABSTAIN:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>NONE</u>

#### Public Affairs Report

Mr. Alsop reported that on Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, a tour of the Water Department facilities was hosted for City Council staff members. Mr. Alsop stated that the feedback from those who attended has been very positive.

Mr. Alsop called the Board's attention to the fact that May is Water Awareness month. The Water Department has a number of interesting events and programs planned to bring water issues to the public's attention.

**Please Note: The following Minutes reflect the order in which items on the agenda were addressed by the Board.**

## **12. NEW BUSINESS**

### Excused Absence: Commissioner Long

It was moved by Commissioner Walter, seconded by Commissioner Clarke, and unanimously carried, that Commissioner Long be excused from the Board Meeting of May 19, 2005.

11. **CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 54957.6**  
**Conference with Labor Negotiator**  
**Agency Negotiator: Kevin Wattier, General Manager**  
**Long Beach Water Department**  
**Employee Organization: International Association of Machinists,**  
**District Lodge 777**

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 10:40 a.m. pursuant to Government Code 54957.6. The Board reconvened to Open Session at 11:15 a.m. President Hansen reported that no action was taken.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Commissioner Clarke, seconded by Commissioner Walter, and unanimously carried, that the meeting be adjourned at 11:16 a.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Water Commission to be held on Wednesday, May 4, 2005, at 9:15 a.m., in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 1800 E. Wardlow, in Long Beach, California.

  
Frank Clarke, Secretary

Attest:

  
Helen Z. Hansen, President