

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, MARCH 14, 2005, AT 1 P.M.

Present: Commissioners: Hancock, Cordero, Hankla, Topsy-Elvord
Absent: " Calhoun*
(*On Port Business)

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
R. G. Kanter	Director of Planning
K. J. McDermott	Director of Properties
C. Perrone	Director of Security
J. A. Morgan	Manager of Maritime Services
C. A. Kemp	Director of Community Relations
D. T. Holzhaus	Principal Deputy City Attorney

VICE PRESIDENT TOPSY-ELVORD PRESIDED AS CHAIRMAN.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Upon motion by Commissioner Hankla, seconded by Commissioner Cordero and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of March 7, 2005, were declared read and approved as read.

INTRODUCTION.

Mr. Tom Teofilo introduced Mr. Cosmo Perrone, Director of Security.

Mr. Perrone stated he was looking forward to the challenge and working with the Commissioners and staff.

Vice President Topsy-Elvord welcomed Mr. Perrone.

CONSENT CALENDAR – ITEMS NOS. 1-6.

Item No. 3 was removed from Consent Calendar for discussion.

1. DOJA, INC. – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE, UPON SATISFACTION OF CERTAIN CONDITIONS BY CONTRACTOR, CONTRACT FOR PIER S MARINE TERMINAL DEVELOPMENT UNDER SPECIFICATION NO. HD-S2244 – CITY ATTORNEY REQUESTED TO PREPARE CONTRACT – DOCUMENT NO. HD-6913 - CWO NO. HD-1217, SUPPLEMENT NO. 27 AND CWO NO. HD-1257, SUPPLEMENT NO. 5 - APPROVED.

Communication from D. A. Thiessen, Chief Harbor Engineer, dated March 9, 2005, requesting conditional authorization of a Contract with Doja, Inc., for backlands oil well excavation and testing at the Pier S Marine Terminal under Specification No. HD-S2244, in the amount of \$3,813,550, CWO No. 1217, Supplement No. 27, in the amount of \$4,534,605, and CWO No. 1257, Supplement No. 5, in the amount of \$317,000, was presented to the Board. The request was approved by the Acting Executive Director.

2. SPECIFICATION NO. HD-S2284 - APPROVED AND NOTICE INVITING BIDS AUTHORIZED – FURNISHING DIVING SERVICES.

Communication from D. A. Thiessen, Chief Harbor Engineer, dated March 9, 2005, submitting Specification No. HD-S2284 for diving services and requesting authority to advertise for bids for said work, was presented to the Board. The request was approved by the Acting Executive Director.

4. LEVEL I HARBOR DEVELOPMENT PERMITS – RECEIVED AND FILED.

Communication from Robert Kanter, Director of Planning, dated March 8, 2005, requesting that the following Level I Harbor Development Permits be received and filed:

HDP #05-002	Southern California Edison Co. – Annual Repair and Maintenance
HDP #05-008	SSA Marine – Block Wall Removal
HDP #05-009	VOPAK Terminal Long Beach, Inc. – Electrical Conduit Installation
HDP #05-012	Queens Seaport Development – Parking Lot Enclosure

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

5. PRITESH B. NAIK – APPOINTMENT.

Communication from Toni K. Whitesell, Director of Administration, dated March 9, 2005, requesting approval of the appointment of Pritesh B. Naik to the position of Administrative Intern-NC, at Range/Step H36/1, effective March 15, 2005, was presented to the Board. The request was approved by the Acting Executive Director.

6. GIBBS, GIDEN, LOCHER & TURNER – SECOND AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES - APPROVED.

Communication from Dominic Holzhaus, Principal Deputy City Attorney, dated March 3, 2005, requesting authorization of an amendment to Agreement with Gibbs, Giden, Locher & Turner for special counsel in Harbor Department Public Works Construction matters, in the amount of \$250,000, was presented to the Board.

Commissioner Hancock moved, seconded by Commissioner Cordero that the communications be received and filed and that Items Nos. 1, 2 and 4-6 be approved as recommended. Carried by the following vote:

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

3. MICHAEL T. MAHONEY - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE EIGHTH AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT FOR ARBORIST SERVICES – DOCUMENT NO. HD-6116E.

Communication from Robert Kanter, Director of Planning, dated March 9, 2005, requesting approval of an amendment to Contract with Michael T. Mahoney, for arborist services, extending the contract until January 31, 2006, was presented to the Board. The request was approved by the Acting Executive Director.

In response to a question by Commissioner Hancock, Dr. Kanter stated this is the sixth year of the monitoring phase and we are cautiously optimistic that we will be able to transition this soon to in-house staff.

Commissioner Hancock moved, seconded by Commissioner Cordero that the communication be received and filed, that said amendment to Contract with Michael T. Mahoney be approved, and that the Executive Director be authorized to execute the amendment. Carried by the following vote:

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

REGULAR AGENDA.

7. FOREIGN TRADE ZONES BOARD – APPLICATION FOR A TEMPORARY MINOR BOUNDARY MODIFICATION FOR FOREIGN TRADE SUBZONE 50, SITE 1, WITH METRO INTERNATIONAL TRADE SERVICES, LLC – RESOLUTION NO. HD-2243 - ADOPTED.

Communication from Kathryn McDermott, Director of Properties, dated March 9, 2005, recommending approval of the application for a temporary minor boundary modification for Foreign Trade Subzone 50, Site 1, with Metro International Trade Services, LLC, for a site on the Navy Mole, was presented to the Board together with the authorizing resolution therefore. The recommendation was approved by the Acting Executive Director.

Commissioner Hankla moved, seconded by Commissioner Hancock that the communication be received and filed and that the resolution entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH APPROVING A REQUEST FROM METRO INTERNATIONAL TRADE SERVICES LLC, FOR A TEMPORARY MINOR BOUNDARY MODIFICATION OF FOREIGN-TRADE ZONE 50, GENERAL PURPOSE ZONE SITE 1, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR BOUNDARY MODIFICATION OF SAID ZONE AND SITE TO THE FOREIGN-TRADE ZONES BOARD OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, AND MAKING A DETERMINATION RELATING THERETO," be declared read and adopted as read. Carried by the following vote:

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

8. AMENDMENT TO HARBOR DEPARTMENT 2003-2004 SALARY RESOLUTION – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT RESOLUTION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL – RESOLUTION NO. HD-2244 - ADOPTED.

Communication from Toni K. Whitesell, Director of Administration, dated March 10, 2005, requesting approval of the Amendment to Harbor Department 2003-2004 Salary Resolution which includes the establishment of new divisions and division head positions, new classifications and skill pays, salary range adjustments, and modification of the Board's delegation of authority to the Executive Director, was presented to the Board together with the authorizing resolution therefore. The recommendation was approved by the Executive Director.

Ms. Whitesell reviewed the changes in amendment to the Salary Resolution.

Commissioner Cordero moved, seconded by Commissioner Hancock that the communication be received and filed, that the modified resolution entitled,

"A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. HD-2176, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE 2003-2004 HARBOR DEPARTMENT SALARY RESOLUTION, AND MAKING A DETERMINATION RELATING THERETO," be declared read and adopted as read; and that the Executive Director be authorized to submit said resolution to the City Council for approval. Carried by the following vote:

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

9. NRC ENVIRONMENTAL – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE REVOCABLE PERMIT FOR LAND USE NORTH OF PIER D STREET - DOCUMENT NO. HD-6914 – RESOLUTION NO. HD-2245 - ADOPTED.

Communication from Kathryn McDermott, Director of Properties, dated March 9, 2005, recommending approval of a Revocable Permit with NRC Environmental for use of land on the north side of Pier D Street for parking, was presented to the Board together with the authorizing resolution therefore. The recommendation was approved by the Acting Executive Director.

Commissioner Hancock moved, seconded by Commissioner Cordero that the communication be received and filed and that the resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A REVOCABLE PERMIT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS, AND NRC ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC., FORMERLY KNOWN AS FOSS ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR THE USE OF CERTAIN PREMISES IN THE HARBOR DISTRICT, AND MAKING A DETERMINATION RELATING THERETO," be declared read and adopted as read. Carried by the following vote:

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

10. BP WEST COAST PRODUCTS LLC - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE FIFTH AMENDMENT TO LEASE FOR A COKE CALCINER FACILITY DOCUMENT NO. HD-6915 - ORDINANCE NO. HD -1930 - ADOPTED AND THIRD AMENDMENT TO LEASE FOR A RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY DOCUMENT NO. HD-6916 - ORDINANCE NO. HD-1931 - ADOPTED.

Ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A FIFTH AMENDMENT TO GROUND LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS BOARD

OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS, AND BP WEST COAST PRODUCTS LLC, FOR THE USE OF CERTAIN PREMISES IN THE HARBOR DISTRICT, AND MAKING A DETERMINATION RELATING THERETO," was presented to the Board for its second and final reading.

Commissioner Hankla moved, seconded by Commissioner Hancock 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
NOES:	"	None
ABSENT:	"	Calhoun

Ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A THIRD AMENDMENT TO RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS, AND BP WEST COAST PRODUCTS LLC, FOR THE USE OF CERTAIN PREMISES IN THE HARBOR DISTRICT, AND MAKING A DETERMINATION RELATING THERETO," was presented to the Board for its second and final reading.

Commissioner Cordero moved, seconded by Commissioner Hancock 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
NOES:	"	None
ABSENT:	"	Calhoun

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS.

Commissioner Cordero stated he would like to thank Dr. Geraldine Knatz for her presentation of the Green Port Policy to the City Council and all of the staff for their work on the policy.

Vice President Topsy-Elvord stated she would like to thank Mr. Carl Kemp for briefing all the Councilmembers on the policy. Additionally, she thanked Dr. Knatz and the staff for their hard work in developing the policy.

CUSTOMER ORIENTATION BRIEFING.

Mr. Tom Teofilo stated they expect members of the community, as well as our customers, at the Customer Orientation briefing meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 2005, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION.

At 1:40 p.m., Vice President Topsy-Elvord recessed the Board meeting to hold a closed session:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Closed session pursuant to Section 54956.9(a) of the Government Code regarding APM Terminals Pacific Ltd., etc., vs. City of Long Beach, etc., et al., Superior Court Case No. BC303695.

At 2:20 p.m., the meeting was again called to order by Vice President Topsy-Elvord.

ADJOURNED.

At 2:21 p.m., Commissioner Hancock moved, seconded by Commissioner Hankla that the meeting be adjourned sine die. Carried by the following vote:

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

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Present: Commissioners: Hancock, Cordero, Topsy-Elvord, Calhoun
Absent: " Hankla*
(*On Port Business)

Also present:

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
R. G. Kanter	Director of Planning
K. J. McDermott	Director of Properties
C. Perrone	Director of Security
Y. Allen	Chief Wharfinger
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 Topsy-Elvord, seconded by Commissioner Cordero and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of March 14, 2005, were declared read and approved as read.

AWARD PRESENTATIONS.

Mr. Doug Thiessen stated engineering had received a couple of awards for the Pier T Container Terminal that he would like to share.

Mr. Ari Steinberg presented to the Board the Golden State Award received from the Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors. He stated the Pier T project has been going on for over a decade and it started with the Planning Division and its work with the City and the Navy and the re-use process.

Additionally, Mr. Steinberg stated this project has been a huge success and that the criteria for the award is innovation, which is something we have done by necessity and by design with the Pier T project.

Commissioner Hancock congratulated Mr. Steinberg and the staff on the award and he suggested the award be placed in the Engineering Division.

Mr. Gary Cardamone presented the Board with a Project Achievement Award from the Construction Management Association of America/Southern California Chapter which recognized the Port of Long Beach and its Construction Manager, CH2MHill, for the Pier T Container Terminal. He stated the award recognizes owners and construction managers for outstanding achievement in the practice of construction management on projects in Southern California and the evaluation criteria is excellence in overall construction project management, safety, quality, costs and schedule management, project complexity, innovation, creativity, and overall customer satisfaction.

Mr. Cardamone introduced and recognized Mr. John Barskey from CH2MHill.

President Calhoun congratulated Mr. Cardamone, the staff, and Mr. Barskey on the award.

CONSENT CALENDAR – ITEMS NOS. 1-5.

1. SULLY-MILLER CONTRACTING COMPANY - ACCEPTANCE OF WORK UNDER SPECIFICATION NO. HD-S2130A.

Communication from D. A. Thiessen, Chief Harbor Engineer, by A. J. Moro, dated March 16, 2005, advising that Sully-Miller Contracting Company, has satisfactorily completed, as of October 19, 2004, the Pier T Marine Terminal rail yard expansion, Phase 2, as described in Specification No. HD-S2130A and recommending that said work be accepted as complete as of that date, was presented to the Board. The recommendation was approved by the Executive Director.

2. HARBOR REVENUE FUND – APPROVAL OF FUND TRANSFER JOURNALS AND AUTHORIZATION OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

Communication from Michael J. Slavin, Director of Finance, dated March 16, 2005, submitting the following Fund Transfer Journals received from the Department of Financial Management:

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
\$665,892.19	Employee Benefits and Insurance Funds – transfer of the February 2005 cost of employees' fringe benefits

684,812.00	Fire Department - Fire boats for March 2005 Fire Department - Fire stations for March 2005
7,368.50	Fire Department – Vessel patrol for March 2005
12,869.00	Information Services Bureau – data processing operations and maintenance for February 2005
255.00	Information Services Bureau – wireless communication for February 2005
2,252.40	Reprographics for February 2005
1,712,694.25	Tidelands Fund – 3 rd installment of the operating transfer of 10% of FY 2003 Harbor net income. Due 4/1/05
2,935.74	Planning and Building Permits for February 2005
2,400.00	Energy Department – removal of pipe gas service lines for Pier E
18,133.53	Utility user's tax billed for February 2005

was presented to the Board. The Fund Transfer Journals were approved by the Executive Director.

3. ADRIANA I. GALARZA – PETER N. SALGADO - APPOINTMENTS.

Communication from Toni K. Whitesell, Director of Administration, dated March 15, 2005, requesting approval of the appointments of the following individuals:

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Range & Step</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Adriana I. Galarza	Assistant Administrative Analyst I	470/6	3/26/05
Peter N. Salgado	Administrative Analyst II-NC	M78/4	3/22/05

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

4. AL LARSON BOAT SHOP – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE, UPON SATISFACTION OF CERTAIN CONDITIONS BY CONTRACTOR, CONTRACT FOR FURNISHING DRY DOCKING AND REPAIR SERVICES FOR FIREBOAT CHALLENGER UNDER SPECIFICATION NO. HD-S2274 – CITY ATTORNEY REQUESTED TO PREPARE CONTRACT – DOCUMENT NO. HD-6918.

Communication from W. D. Bower, Acting Director of Maintenance, dated March 14, 2005, requesting conditional authorization of a Contract with Al Larson Boat Shop for furnishing dry docking and repair services for fireboat Challenger under Specification No. HD-S2274, in the amount of \$656,492.50, was presented to the Board. The request was approved by the Executive Director.

5. FORD, WALKER, HAGGERTY & BEHAR LLP – INCREASE IN CONTRACT FOR BOND COUNSEL SERVICES - APPROVED.

Communication from Charles M. Gale, Deputy City Attorney, dated March 15, 2005, requesting authorization of an increase to the Contract with Ford, Walker, Haggerty & Behar LLP, for litigation services, in the amount of \$300,000, was presented to the Board.

Commissioner Topsy-Elvord moved, seconded by Commissioner Hancock that the communications be received and filed and that Items Nos. 1-5 be approved as recommended. Carried by the following vote:

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

REGULAR AGENDA.

6. NIELSEN BEAUMONT MARINE, INC. – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO REVOCABLE PERMIT FOR A RENT INCREASE - DOCUMENT NO. HD-5241B – RESOLUTION NO. HD-2246 - ADOPTED.

Communication from Kathryn McDermott, Director of Properties, dated March 15, 2005, recommending approval of an amendment to a Revocable Permit with Nielsen Beaumont Marine, Inc., for a rent increase on land and water at Pier S, Berths 99-100, was presented to the Board together with the authorizing resolution therefore. The recommendation was approved by the Executive Director.

Commissioner Hancock moved, seconded by Commissioner Topsy-Elvord that the communication be received and filed and that the resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE REVOCABLE PERMIT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS, AND NIELSEN BEAUMONT MARINE, INC., FOR THE USE OF CERTAIN PREMISES IN THE HARBOR DISTRICT, AND MAKING A

DETERMINATION RELATING THERETO," be declared read and adopted as read.
Carried by the following vote:

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

CLOSED SESSION.

At 2:40 p.m., President Calhoun recessed the Board meeting to hold a closed session:

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Closed session pursuant to Section 54956.8 of the Government Code for a conference with real property negotiators regarding Pier S Container Terminal. The Port's negotiator is Geraldine Knatz and the negotiating party is Lloyd Triestino Di Navigazione S.P.A. Instructions to negotiator may include price and terms of payment.

At 3:40 p.m., the meeting was again called to order by President Calhoun.

ADJOURNED.

At 3:41 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,Topsy-Elvord,Calhoun
NOES:	"	None
ABSENT:	"	Hankla

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
FEBRUARY 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
Bea Antenore
Raymond Chavarria
Simon George
William Marmion
Drew Satariano

Absent: None

Staff: Phil Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine
Geoff Hall, Special Projects Officer
Thomas Shippey, Manager, Maintenance Operations Bureau
Dennis Eschen, Manager, Planning and Development Bureau
Janet Day-Anselmo, Manager, Business Operations Bureau
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: David Candiff, Long Beach Organic
Christy Stiles, CSULB
Sarah Serviss
Robert Lamond, Partners of Parks
Amy Bodek, City of Long Beach
Ann Cantrell, Los Cerritos Wetlands, Friends of Spring/Willow
Ray Pok, 7th City Council District Office
Jeidi Marin, Long Beach Organic

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 20, 2005

It was moved by Commissioner Marmion and seconded by Commissioner Chavarria to approve the January 20, 2005 Parks and Recreation Commission minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

III. SAMMY AWARD PRESENTATION – DIANE LEWIS

Diane Lewis said that Sammy has been with her for a long time, because she wanted to make sure that Sammy experienced the commute between Southern and Central California, logging about 6,289 miles with her. Ms. Lewis said that Sammy visited her husband in the hospital on Christmas Day. Ms. Lewis announced that she would present the Sammy Award to Chrissy Marshall at her home.

IV. EMPLOYEE-OF-THE-MONTH PRESENTATION FOR FEBRUARY

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

Vice President Saltzgaver announced Jose Martinez as the February Field/Operations Employee of the Month, from the Community Enrichment Programs Bureau.

Ms. Dixie Swift said that Mr. Martinez works at Homeland at MacArthur Park, where he grew up. He covers the Graf program, the urban gallery, the silkscreen tee shirt program, and also runs a breaker and pop-rocker program that services about 200 people, ages 7 to 35. She said that people come from all over the world to look at their programs and he is able to run these programs with no problems and with great respect.

V. COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS

#05-0201

PERSONAL SERVICES/INSTRUCTION AGREEMENTS-MONTHLY APPROVAL

President Kozaites stated that there were no Personal Services/Instruction Agreements this month and thanked staff for the quarterly report.

#05-0202

BULLPENS FOR PLAZA LITTLE LEAGUE

Mr. Hester said that this item came in at the last minute because the Plaza Little League is requesting to enclose their warm-up area for safety reasons. He said that they would like to do this at their own expense, to protect the kids, and would like to finish it by their opening day on March 5.

Vice President Saltzgaver said that he is concerned about access and security of this area. He said that sometimes people leave their dogs in enclosed areas for a dog run, but that it would be nice to be available for other teams. Mr. Hester responded that staff would work closely with the league to make sure there were no problems and that the bullpen would be available for other teams.

It was moved by Vice President Saltzgaver and seconded by Commissioner Satariano to approve completion of the bullpen project by Plaza Little League. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
President Kozaites, Chair

President Kozaites stated that the Committee met and discussed a few items and picked a date for the park tour, February 25, which he confirmed with everyone.

1) Park Tour – February 25

Mr. Hester stated that Geoff Hall put together the itinerary.

Mr. Hall distributed a revised itinerary and map. He said that Mr. Eschen requested some of the RiverLink parcels be added. Mr. Hall stated that the day would be divided into two sessions and they would be stopping for lunch at Skylinks in the new clubhouse. He said that the bus would be driving by most of the sites but they would be making a few stops.

Commissioner Marmion stated the he hoped they would be stopping at the sports park site. Mr. Hall responded that the bus would be driving around the site, but there was no place to really stop at the site.

Mr. Hall mentioned that they would also like to look at the Boy Scout camp that is being proposed for a land swap.

Mr. Hester stated that the tour would leave at 10:00 a.m. from the administration building.

B. FINANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE
Commissioner Satariano, Chair

Commissioner Satariano stated that the financial statement was included in the packet. He said that they have been working on the fee waiver policy for the last few months and would probably bring it before the Commission at the March 20 meeting. He said that they are also looking at a discount for Long Beach residents, relative to tennis.

C. PARK SAFETY COMMITTEE
Commissioner Marmion, Chair

Commissioner Marmion stated that the Committee did not meet and the monthly reports were included in the packet. He said that the Department is continuing to fill the park ranger positions.

Mr. Hester stated that there have been problems in the North Long Beach area by Houghton Park, possibly flowing out of Jordan High School. He said that the rangers have been called to work closely with the Police Department to try and get it under control.

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

Commissioner Chavarria stated that they met this morning and the quarterly report was included in the packet. He said that Department staff attends 30 neighborhood association meetings each month and they discuss additional issues and concerns, which should be incorporated into the report.

E. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS COMMITTEE
Vice President Saltzgaver, Chair

1) UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUNDS

Vice President Saltzgaver thanked the Commissioners who attended the various universally accessible playground meetings. He thanked Geoff Hall who did an excellent job putting the meetings together. He stated that attendance was pretty poor at the meetings, but the people who did show up had very good comments. They discussed a number of options and the summary report was included in the packet. He stated that the top two sites turned out to be El Dorado Park West and Stearns Champions Park. He said there were recommendations for a number of potential sites such as Admiral Kidd Park, but the Parks and Recreation Commission is not ready to make a recommendation to the City Council yet because the Council also requested funding mechanisms for these playgrounds. He stated that they want to give staff a chance to try to identify funding sources before it is brought back to the City Council.

President Kozaites commended Geoff Hall, Dennis Eschen, and Sharon Gates for their work on these meetings. He requested that staff pass on thanks to the two audio-visual staff also.

Commissioner Antenore stated that night meetings don't seem to appeal to many people in the city. She said that there was good attendance for the Saturday meeting.

Commissioner Satariano stated that it is not quite as easy for parents of physically challenged kids to come to any meeting. He said he was moved by those who did attend the Saturday meeting and were very interested in the playgrounds.

It was moved by Vice President Saltzgaver and seconded by Commissioner Satariano to continue consideration of Universally Accessible Playgrounds to the March meeting for final action. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Chavarria asked if there would be additional meetings held. Mr. Eschen stated there would be an additional Capital Improvements Committee meeting and the Citizens Advisory Council on Disabilities.

Mr. Hester stated that staff would do additional presentations at some neighborhood association meetings.

F. CITY SCHOOLS/JOINT COMMITTEE
Commissioner Antenore, Chair

Commissioner Antenore stated that the Committee met and they discuss the usage of the different parks and buildings. She said that there would be a committee set up to look into the joint use contract with LBUSD.

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

A. DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT – JANUARY 2005

Commissioner Marmion asked if the after school programs, mentioned on page 7, were also held on school holidays? Mr. Hester responded that unfortunately no, after school programs are only held on school days.

Commissioner Antenore asked if youth sports groups are cooperating in turning field lights off, since the light fees are waived for them. Mr. Hester responded that most are cooperating, but the waiver of light fees may have to be discussed again in the next budget year.

Commissioner Chavarria stated that the outreach efforts are so much more than what is listed, on page 12, and that issues would be included in the quarterly report.

Commissioner Satariano asked if January was a record month in removing debris from the beach?

Mr. Shippey responded that there was a substantial amount of debris on the beach from the record rainstorm in December and the Department would exceed record totals this year. The amount of debris removed from the beach in January was fairly standard for this time of the year. He said that it would, however, take a lot longer to remove all the debris from the beach because there is more of it. Mr. Shippey stated that there are 3 million pounds of debris on the beach and the Department has only so many trucks and staff who can only move off approximately 80 tons of debris a week. He stated that piling up the debris lets it dry out and there would be less sand in it when it is hauled to the dump, which means fewer pounds that the City is charged for.

Commissioner Marmion stated that the date for the opening of Rotary Centennial Park was not mentioned and wondered what the date was. Mr. Hester responded that the Rotarian's ceremony would be on March 9.

Vice President Saltzgaver stated that he attended the tile mural dedication at the Aquarium of the Pacific and the Department was never mentioned during the ceremony. He stated that that staff should make sure that the Department's roles are known for future ceremonies.

Mr. Hester responded that he was sure it was an oversight, that the Aquarium has been very good with the Department.

Vice President Saltzgaver requested advance notice on large special events and filmings and requested that staff warn the community also. Mr. Hester responded that the Special Events and Filming Bureau requires that film crews notify surrounding neighborhoods on special events.

Commissioner Marmion suggested that the City notify drivers of road closures from special events or filmings or look at the placement of the road closures. Mr. Hester responded that the Police Department and Public Works determine road closures for special events and filmings. He said that Mr. Ashman was aware of the problems with the road closures at the latest filming and would convey that to the appropriate departments.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

A. 11TH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION AND PARADE – SUMMER HANSEN

Ms. Summer Hansen stated that she was here to request the waiver of fees for the 11th Annual Children's Day Celebration and Parade, which would take place on May 1. She said that the kickoff would be held at the Kaleidoscope at CSULB and mentioned the various connected events held by LBUSD and other organizations in support of Children's Day.

Mr. Hester stated that Ms. Hansen needs to give the Department a request in writing and then he can waive the fees for this event. He said that he would have Special Events staff contact her to help her with the permit.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Kozaites stated that there was no unfinished business.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. LONG BEACH SPORTS PARK 2004 RE-CIRCULATED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Vice President Saltzgaver stated that they reviewed this in the CIP Committee and did due diligence with Mr. Eschen. He said that the CIP Committee concurs with the recommendation.

Commissioner Marmion congratulated Mr. Eschen on his report and he supports this as being for the greater good of the city.

Mr. Hester stated that the Parks and Recreation Commission is asking to review and come in on the EIR, not being asked to endorse the project, the design of the project, etc. He clarified that the Commission is recommending the comments related to the EIR.

President Kozaites stated that he wants to do what they can to get this project pushed along because it has been discussed for a long time.

Ms. Ann Cantrell said that she was glad that Mr. Hester clarified what the Commission is approving, which is the draft EIR. She said that the comments from the public were due on Monday and there were many people who had comments on the draft. She said that now all those comments have to be addressed by the Planning Department and then there will be a final EIR that comes out.

Ms. Cantrell agrees that the 700 trees that will be planted is a wonderful thing for this area; however, right now there are full-grown mature trees there. What's going to be planted will take years to achieve what is there now. Seven hundred small saplings do not create habitat for the birds that are there. She said that the main concern that she has is the mitigation that is required for the threatened Loggerhead Shrike, of which there are only five nesting pairs in all of Los Angeles County, as reported in 2003. She said that the mitigation would be to plant some native plants along the property line and hope that the Shrikes would take advantage of the 25-foot wide native plant area and then forage in the cemetery. Again, Kimble Garrett, the ornithologist of the Natural History

Museum, said that Shrikes cannot take advantage of manicured lawns, like there is at the cemetery. They live off insects and small reptiles and this would probably be the end of them, along with the 45 other species of birds that live here. She said that she agrees that youth need recreational fields and she is glad to hear that they are making some effort with LBUSD and the available fields. She said that years ago if you had done this and a lot of the schools had not torn up their fields and put in asphalt, there would be enough fields in the city for every child. This is not for children, this is for paying adults, and nowhere in this EIR does she find anything that says a study has been made as to how many adult teams would be willing to pay to come and use this facility, when they can use the facilities that are already in the city.

President Kozaites clarified that the adult leagues that are in Long Beach currently use youth sports fields, like El Dorado Little League and Plaza Little League, and they occupy a lot of time that the youth really need. If we can get the adults out of there into their own facility, it frees up the existing fields for the youth to have more time. We have a lot more youth in Long Beach than we used to.

Ms. Cantrell said "if" we can get them, and how much is it going to cost?

Vice President Saltzgaver said point of order, we are discussing the Parks and Recreation Commission's comments about the draft EIR and approval of the comments. We are not here to debate the facility itself and with all due respect, Ms. Cantrell has already talked to this issue for about five minutes. He said that he would like to move forward with the meeting.

Ms. Cantrell left a copy of her comments on the draft EIR with the Commission.

Mr. Eschen stated that the Planning Commission is the body that hears the comments on the EIR and makes the decision whether the EIR is adequate. The Parks and Recreation Commission's comments are, just like Ms. Cantrell's comments, going to the Planning Commission.

Ms. Jeidi Marin stated that she just became the E.D. at Long Beach Organic and was previously with the City of Anaheim for 15 years in environmental restoration. She said that you have to honor the past to imagine the future. She feels that it is very sad that an area that had the artesian waters that created Long Beach and was the largest oil field in the world for decades since 1922, that there wasn't an integration of this concept with the history of the area. If you look at this area on a map, it is a big pink area and is the heart of Long Beach. She said that they went through the EIR and submitted an eight page letter and their biggest concern is historical justice, environmental justice, economic justice, recreational and food justice. She said that she went to the Sports Park in Chino Hills and it is cheap. She thought it would look like a reproduction of a stadium, but it is made cheap. She distributed a picture of a food counter and a child. She said that she thought it was against the law to

have children near beer. She asked if we would generate revenue through DUIs. In the part of town it is being built, the demographics of the area, are they getting justice? Are they going to be able to afford a \$4 slice of pizza? Everything on the menu is junk. She suggested going back to a sustainable plan for Long Beach, which is part of the Strategic Plan 2010. That is what they used to make comments on the EIR. The things on that Strategic Plan are not being considered in this plan to date. She said that the EIR was incredibly difficult to get. She couldn't get into the link half the time and the document was too huge. When she asked for it at City Hall she was told that she had to order it and wait. She said that other cities just hand you their EIR. She said that there are 359 acres in this city. Why can't someone get creative and have adult sports situations in the available 359 acres of flat land? She said that sports and alcohol is not a good message.

Mr. David Candiff, the President of Long Beach Organic, said that he also spoke at the last Commission meeting. He stated that he also met with Dennis Eschen. He said that Big League Dreams has been in the news lately in Ventura County to build a sports park in Oxnard. According to the Ventura Star, it has caused a major upset of citizens the way they have conducted it. A citizens group has met for 18 months to address the need for sports parks there and put a lot of time and attention into it. They just found out in January that it has all been ignored and the City Manager had signed off on a \$440,000 deal with Big League Dreams to proceed on a particular site in College Park in Ventura. They had a deluge in City Council calling for the firing of the Mayor and staff. The citizens wanted a park but thought that the place that the City Manager decided was the wrong place.

Ms. Summer Hansen wanted to say something against drinking at the site. She didn't think it should be mixed with sports.

President Kozaites stated that the issue doesn't really relate to what the Parks and Recreation Commission is discussing today.

Ms. Hansen said that she visited the site and was amazed. It feels like you are in the mountains. There is no place in Long Beach where you are in a valley with hills. There are cattails there. She thinks that wonderful things could be done with the land that would be more natural.

Ms. Jeidi Marin asked if it could be inclusive of the community and not exclusive. To her it is a white person's park.

Vice President Saltzgaver said that for the last decade there have been smokescreens and dust thrown up over the whole issue talking about the beer and the developer. Absolutely none of this stuff has to do with the EIR that has been worked on for the last decade. The delaying tactics that we have seen over the last decade and a half are just unconscionable to him. It is our job to go for the greater good and this project is something that has been in the works

from the time that kids who were in the fifth grade then are now adults. The fact that we have someone who has come in from Anaheim and take a picture of a kid in a bar and act like that has something to do with the EIR is frankly an insult to this Commission's intelligence. We are talking about an EIR of development and all we are doing here is offering our comments on that EIR. It is time that we move forward with it.

It was moved by Vice President Saltzgaver and seconded by Commissioner Chavarria to recommend:

- **The certification of the 2004 Re-Circulated Draft EIR for the Long Beach Sports Park, and**
- **The adoption of findings of overriding consideration stressing the importance of the availability of individual and team sports facilities to the positive social future of the youth of the City and the availability of adult team sports facilities to the positive health of the adults of the community.**

The motion carried unanimously.

XI. COMMENTS

A. AUDIENCE

There were no comments from the audience.

B. STAFF

Ms. Diane Lewis passed out information about upcoming activities.

C. COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Chavarria said that the NCCJ breakfast would be Thursday, February 25, at 6:30 a.m., at the Convention Center. They have over 900 people attending.

Commissioner Antenore asked where Cinco de Mayo would be held this year. Commissioner Chavarria responded that they are finalizing the site today.

Commissioner Antenore stated that the new Farmers Market would be held behind the Health Department and it would open on April 7, at 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Marmion said that the Miller Foundation appreciated getting copies of the Annual Report from the Commission on Youth and Children and they are going to make major use of it.

Commissioner Marmion said that he found out that Dixie Swift is going to retire in May. He wondered if at the April meeting, if it would not be precedent setting, that the Commission might have some kind of recognition for her.

Commissioner Marmion requested that he be excused from the March 17, 2005 meeting, as he would be out of state.

Commissioner Antenore requested that she also be excused from the March 17, 2005 meeting, as she would be out of town attending a conference.

Commissioner Chavarria stated that Betty Brown passed away and requested that the Commission meeting be adjourned in her memory. She was a previous Department employee.

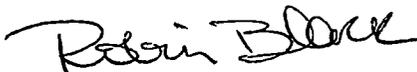
XII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 17, 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 10:41 a.m. in memory of Betty Brown.

Respectfully submitted,



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
 FEBRUARY 24, 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 February 24, 2005.

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by President Hansen.

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Reymundo Trejo, Civil Engineer, led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 3, 2005

It was moved by Commissioner Clarke and seconded by Commissioner Long, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 3, 2005, be approved.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

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**

Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Legislative Conference

President Hansen reported that she attended the ACWA Legislative Conference February 14th-17th with C.J. Mike Walter, Board of Water Commissioner; Kevin Wattier, General Manager; and Ryan Alsop, Manager, Government and Public Affairs. In addition to attending various conference workshops, the Long Beach Water Department (LBWD) delegation had the opportunity to meet with our local elected officials and key staff members in influential posts related to water issues. President Hansen stated it was evident throughout the meetings that the LBWD is considered a national leader in seawater desalination.

Long Beach Chamber of Commerce Luncheon

On February 23rd, Commissioner Clarke, Commissioner Walter, Mr. Wattier and Mr. Alsop attended a luncheon sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce honoring U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein. In 2004, Senator Feinstein co-sponsored legislation authorizing \$395 million for the CalFed Bay-Delta Program, a collaborative State/Federal effort to protect and enhance water supplies in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta. Passage of the measure marked the end of a decade-long Congressional effort to complete this critical water program for the State of California.

5. REPORT OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT (MWD) BOARD MEETING ON FEBRUARY 8, 2005

- **Helen Z. Hansen, Director**

President Hansen, in her capacity as the City of Long Beach MWD Director, provided the following summary of the MWD Board of Directors' meeting on February 8, 2005:

Colorado River Habitat Conservation Program

Capping more than eight years of study and negotiation, the Board authorized the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, which proactively covers 27 species along more than 450 miles of the lower Colorado River from Lake Mead to the Mexico border that are considered threatened or endangered under federal law. It also covers 11 species listed under the California Endangered Species Act. The program protects Colorado River water from interruptions because of endangered species issues and also addresses potential impacts of projects, programs and water transfers under the Quantification Settlement Agreement. The Board committed \$88.5 million in 2003 dollars over the life of a 50-year program that will provide 8,132 acres of habitat, establish mesquite woodlands and cottonwood-willow riparian zones for birds and animals, create marsh and backwater areas for certain birds and fish and launch a rearing-and-stocking program for two endangered fish species. The costs will average \$1.75 million per year, ranging from \$800,000 to \$4.6 million with higher costs coming during years six through 10 of the program. Metropolitan is the first agency to sign the accord, which involves five federal agencies, 11 California entities and numerous Arizona entities as well.

Water Transfer Option Agreements

The Board approved executing one-year water transfer option agreements with Richvale Irrigation District and Western Canal Water District for up to 47,200 acre-feet of water. By paying \$10 per acre-foot, Metropolitan reserves the option to buy the water for \$125/AF by April 1. Metropolitan could extend the option period to May 2 by paying another \$20/AF.

Skinner Oxidation Retrofit Program

The Board appropriated \$9.4 million and awarded an \$8.545 million procurement contract with Ameron International Corporation to furnish nearly one mile of steel pipeline for the Skinner Oxidation Retrofit Program, mostly consisting of 144-inch diameter pipeline. Construction is expected to start in June and be finished by December 2007 in order to convert from chlorine to ozone and reduce disinfection by-products.

West Valley Feeder Repairs

The Board appropriated \$2.16 million and awarded a contract to DenBoer Engineering & Construction Inc. for repairs to West Valley Feeder No. 1, which will require a 13-day shutdown this spring. Temporary repairs were made to the pre-stressed concrete cylinder pipeline after a leak was discovered in the Porter Ranch area of Los Angeles in August 2004. The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) leases the pipeline from Metropolitan and is responsible for the cost of repairs due to failure, unless caused by Metropolitan. Metropolitan and LADWP staff are working together to investigate the cause of the pipeline failure and potential third party liability or exposure. The LADWP

would reimburse Metropolitan if the failure is found to be LADWP's responsibility under the terms of the lease.

Other Actions

In other actions, the Board:

- Inducted former Santa Ana mayor Daniel E. Griset as Santa Ana's new Board member.
- Accepted an award from the state's Flex Your Power program honoring the energy-saving aspects of Metropolitan's "California Friendly" campaign.

6. REVIEW BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2005

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

Board Meeting Schedule – March 2005

Agenda Item #6 was discussed under "New Business".

7. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

Gas and Water Meter Reading

Southern California Edison has been providing monthly meter reading for gas and water meters in Long Beach for several years. During the February 15th City Council meeting, the City Council approved a new plan to read gas and water meters every other month. For the months when the meter is not read, calculation will be based on customer's historic usage for the same period.

MWD System Overview Study

On February 18th, the LBWD hosted a meeting for the MWD and several of its member agencies. The MWD staff briefed the member agencies with regards to Metropolitan's projected needs for building physical infrastructure over the next twenty to twenty-five years.

Seawater Desalination

The MWD, Southern California's largest water importer and wholesaler, is offering financial subsidies to member agencies to build plants to convert ocean water into purified drinking water. Proposals have been submitted by the LBWD; the San Diego County Water Authority; the Municipal Water District of Orange County; the West Basin Municipal Water District; and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Mr. Wattier

discussed several of the pending issues and explained that the LBWD is working cooperatively with the MWD and the four other agencies who have submitted proposals to finalize the terms and conditions of the agreements.

MWD Rate Structure Integrity

On December 14, 2004, the MWD Board of Directors approved a recommendation stating that Metropolitan financial agreements involving long-term conservation, recycling, seawater desalination and other resource-stretching projects will include language aimed at maintaining the integrity of the MWD's four-year-old rate structure. The proposal was approved on a 56 percent vote, however, the language may be changed if member agencies present alternative language that would win the Board's support. The MWD Board is scheduled to review the issue in March 2005.

Water Replenishment District (WRD)

Mr. Wattier reported that the WRD is preparing for its annual rate setting cycle. In preparation, the LBWD has met with the City of Long Beach auditor to review the WRD's reserve policies.

Conjunctive Use Project

Mr. Wattier explained that in 2001, the LBWD entered into a five-party agreement with the Central Basin Municipal Water District, the West Basin Municipal Water District, Torrance, and Compton, to develop an innovative groundwater storage project that will allow the LBWD to maximize the use of the groundwater basin that runs under the city of Long Beach. The project will utilize excess capacity in the Central Groundwater Basin to store up to 13,000 acre-feet of surplus imported water in normal to wet hydrologic years. In the near future, the LBWD staff may request the Board's consideration of an amendment to the original agreement which would add provisions to enhance the project.

8. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

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

No report was given.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

9a. Approval of Transfer of Funds by Journal Entry Dated February 24, 2005

Transfers No. 86 through No. 103 in the total amount of \$513,027.76 covering the Water and Sewer Revenue Funds, were submitted to the Board for approval.

9b. Receive and File the List of Vendor Payments for the First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2004-2005

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 made during the First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2004-2005 (October, November, and December).

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

9c. Request Authorization to Attend the Long Beach Fire Department Meritorious Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, March 22, 2005, at the Long Beach Convention Center

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

Action Requested:

- That the Board determine that an invitation to participate in the Long Beach Fire Department Meritorious Awards Luncheon on March 22, 2005, at the Long Beach Convention Center complies with Board Policy Statement 1998-31, Expenditure of Water Department Funds for Board Approved Long Beach Related Community and Civic Activities, and approve the purchase of a table for ten in the amount of \$1,000.

Funds for Long Beach related community activities are included in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 annual budget.

9d. Request Authorization for the General Manager to Sign a Developer's Agreement with Alamitos Ridge, LLC, for the Construction of New Water Lines and Facilities Between Redondo Avenue and Obispo Avenue

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 Alamitos Ridge, LLC, to construct 3,500 linear feet of new 12-inch water lines and facilities to serve in the proposed Alamitos Ridge Development located between Redondo Avenue and Obispo Avenue from 20th Street north to 3230 Hill Street.

The Developer will pay for all Water Department improvements and will construct the improvements in accordance with the Standards of the Long Beach Water Department.

9e. Request Authorization for the General Manager to Sign a Cooperative Agreement with the River Mountain Conservancy and Los Angeles County Department of Public Works for the Establishment of an Integrated Regional Water Management Group for the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles and River Watershed

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 Cooperative Agreement with the River Mountain Conservancy and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works for the establishment of an Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Group for the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles and River Watershed.

Participants in the agreement may be part of the regional water management group responsible for working together to apply for Proposition 50 (water bond) funding for IRWM projects.

Board Action

It was moved by Commissioner Clarke and seconded by Commissioner Long that the Board approve Consent Calendar items 9a-9e.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

10. WATER SUPPLY UPDATE

- **Reymundo Trejo, Civil Engineer**

Mr. Trejo briefed the Board on water conditions throughout the State, noting that while Southern California continues to experience the wettest winter-to-date in history, rainfall in the northern part of the State has not increased significantly. The Department of Water Resources continues to project that the 2005 allocation for water delivery to State Water Project Contractors, which includes the MWD, will be 60% of capacity, resulting in the delivery of 1.2 million acre feet to Metropolitan. Of note is the fact that the storms have slowed demand for water deliveries to farmers in the Imperial and Coachella valleys, which will provide the MWD with more water to store in Diamond Valley Lake.

The Mammoth snowpack and the Colorado River Basin – key water sources for Southern California – are both piling up snowfall. In the Mammoth area, significant snowfall since January has increased the snowpack to 164% of normal. Snowfall along the upper Colorado is at 130 percent of normal for this time of year. Snowfall in the lower Colorado basin is at 111 percent. However, water officials stress that one year of plentiful snow will not extinguish the past five years of record drought, during which the Colorado River has received half its normal runoff from melting snow and precipitation.

11. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES/ACTIONS/BILLS

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

Mr. Alsop reported that the Water Department is currently working to complete its Fiscal Year 2006 appropriations requests to address our recycled water system expansion program and seawater desalination project.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Chairman Pete Domenici has issued a call for proposals for a conference on ways to meet the nation's water demands. Industry, government agencies, advocacy organizations, academics, and private citizens were invited to submit ideas on how to efficiently manage the nation's water supplies. The half-day conference is scheduled for April 5th in Washington, D.C.

Arrival of Commissioner: Commissioner Walter arrived at 10:50 a.m.

12. NEW BUSINESS

Review of March Board Meeting Schedule for March 2005

President Hansen called the Board's attention to the meeting schedule for March 2005 and requested the input of the Commissioners with regards to their schedules. After discussion, the Board determined that a quorum is available for the Regular Meetings of March 3rd and March 17th and the Committee of the Whole Meetings on March 10th, March 24th, and March 31st.

Excused Absence: Commissioner Walter

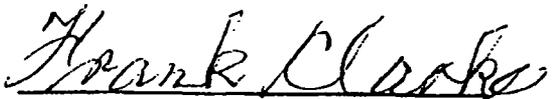
It was moved by Commissioner Clarke, seconded by Commissioner Long, and unanimously approved, that Commissioner Walter be excused from the Committee of the Whole meeting on Thursday, March 10, 2005.

Radio Broadcast

Commissioner Clarke reported that recently he heard a very interesting and informative radio broadcast by Warren Olney on the program "Which Way L.A." which focused on the difficulty of capturing storm water run-off in Southern California.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Commissioner Walter, seconded by Commissioner Long, and unanimously carried, that the meeting be adjourned at 11:15 a.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Water Commission to be held on Thursday, March 3, 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
 MARCH 3, 2005

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Robert Cheng, Director of Operations, led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 17, 2005

The Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Long Beach did not meet in Regular Meeting on Thursday, February 17, 2005, due to the lack of a quorum.

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**

Introductions

President Hansen welcomed and introduced Steven D. Guttenplan, President, and Ashok K. Dhingra, Senior Vice President, of Metcalf & Eddy, an environmental Engineering Company specializing in the fields of water, wastewater, solid and hazardous waste, and air quality services.

The "Wave" Newsletter

President Hansen called the Board's attention to the most recent edition of the "Wave" newsletter that was distributed with this month's utility bills. She noted that the newsletter included an informative article written by Ryan Alsop, Manager, Government and Public Affairs, about how fats, oils, and grease build up in sewer lines and what consumers can do to prevent sewer blockages.

Sunday Forum

President Hansen noted an article authored by George Will in the February 27th edition of the Press Telegram entitled "A Thirsty Oasis in the Desert." The article discusses how the availability of a reliable water supply impacts growth in the city of Las Vegas, Nevada. Copies of the article will be provided to the Water Commissioners.

Metropolitan Water District (MWD) Publication

President Hansen presented the first edition of a new educational publication by the MWD, the Water Times. The publication will be used in sixth grade classrooms and is designed to provide a fresh perspective regarding water. The paper is ingeniously divided into sections that relate various water issues to such subjects as health, food, the environment, and transportation. She noted that Melissa Keyes, Administrative Projects Coordinator for the Long Beach Water Department (LBWD), was an important part of the team that developed the publication.

**5. METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT (MWD) AGENDA ITEMS
AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE MARCH 8, 2005,
BOARD MEETING**

- **Helen Z. Hansen, Director**

President Hansen, in her capacity as the City of Long Beach MWD Director, called the Board's attention to the MWD Board of Directors' meeting agenda on March 8, 2005, and requested the input of the Water Commissioners. She noted that she will report back during the Water Commission meeting of March 17, 2005.

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

MWD – Rate Structure Integrity

In December 2004, the MWD Board of Directors approved a recommendation stipulating that effective April 15, 2005, all Metropolitan financial agreements involving long-term conservation, recycling, seawater desalination and other resource-stretching projects will include language aimed at maintaining the integrity of the MWD's four-year-old rate structure.

The proposal was approved on a 56 percent vote with the caveat that the language may be changed if member agencies present alternative language that would win the Board's support. Mr. Wattier distributed a draft of the new language that has been crafted by the member agencies, noting that it will be discussed by the Board in March.

Conjunctive Use Project

Mr. Wattier explained that in 2001, the LBWD entered into a five-party agreement with the Central Basin Municipal Water District, the West Basin Municipal Water District, Torrance, and Compton, with regards to a conjunctive use project that will utilize excess capacity in the Central Groundwater Basin to store up to 13,000 acre-feet of surplus imported water in normal to wet hydrologic years.

Mr. Wattier reported that on Tuesday, March 1st, the stakeholders in the member agencies overlying the Central and West Coast Groundwater Basins met to discuss the conjunctive use project. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the terms and conditions of an amended agreement to enhance the project. The Board will be kept informed as negotiations to finalize the agreement move forward.

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 March 3, 2005

Transfers No. 104 through No. 113 in the total amount of \$144,321.53 covering the Water and Sewer Revenue Funds, were submitted to the Board for approval.

8b. Receive and File the List of Vendor Payments for the Month of January 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 made during the month of January 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.

Board Action

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

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

9. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES/ACTIONS/BILLS

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

Federal Legislative Update

Mr. Alsop reported that the LBWD has submitted its Fiscal Year 2006 Federal Appropriations request which includes \$1.25 million for seawater desalination and

\$650,000 for the reclaimed water system expansion program. The Water Department will monitor the federal budget process and keep the Board informed.

State Legislative Update

Mr. Alsop explained that the Water Department staff is preparing a summary of significant water-related legislation introduced this year in the California State Legislature. Of particular note is SB 820, Water Planning (Kuehl), which would require the Department of Water Resources to prepare a report every two years describing the State Water Project's delivery capability under a range of hydrologic conditions commencing 2006.

10. 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 today's Board meeting.

Amendment to the Agenda of March 3, 2005

President Hansen announced that an item came to the attention of the Board after the posting of the agenda for the meeting of March 3, 2005, in regards to filling a vacancy on the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (LARWQCB).

- Action to Amend the Agenda

It was moved by Commissioner Walter, seconded by Commissioner Clarke, and unanimously carried, that the need to take action regarding a nomination for a seat on the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board arose after the posting of the March 3, 2005, Board of Water Commissioners' meeting agenda.

Mr. Wattier explained that in December 2004, Governor Schwarzenegger appointed Ryan Alsop to a seat on the LARWQCB, an agency tasked with the protection of ground and surface water quality in the Los Angeles Region. It was subsequently opined that Mr. Alsop is ineligible to sit on the Board as his employment with the LBWD is considered a conflict of interest.

Mr. Leo Vander Lans has expressed an interest in filling the seat vacated by Mr. Alsop and has requested the support of the Board of Water Commissioners in this endeavor. Mr. Vander Lans has expansive knowledge of water supply issues, having served nearly two decades as an appointed member of the Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners and as an elected director of the Water Replenishment District of Southern California. In these key leadership roles, he had critical financial and planning oversight responsibility for water supply reliability efforts for a large portion of Los Angeles County.

- Board Action - Appointment to the LARWQCB

It was moved by Commissioner Walter, seconded by Commissioner Clarke, and unanimously carried, that the Board support the nomination of Leo Vander Lans for a seat on the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board and authorize the President to sign a letter to the Governor of California in support of Mr. Vander Lans' nomination.

International Business Association

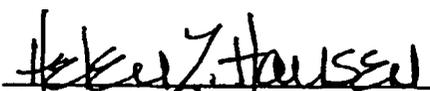
During the February 3, 2005, Water Commission Meeting, Commissioner Walter reported that he heard a presentation by Richard Steinke, Executive Director, Long Beach Harbor, during a meeting of the International Business Association. At that time, the Commissioners expressed an interest in hearing the presentation and Commissioner Walter explained that he will discuss possible dates with Mr. Steinke and report back to the Board.

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 10:10 a.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Water Commission to be held on Thursday, March 17, 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