

**BOARD OF EXAMINERS, APPEALS AND CONDEMNATION
333 WEST OCEAN BOULEVARD, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LOBBY LEVEL
NOVEMBER 17, 2008
*** MINUTES *****

Members Present: Chairman, Christopher Brown
Vice-Chairman, Henry Salzer
Mr. Maurice W. Knowles
Mr. Michael Manke
Angela Reynolds, Board Secretary

Members Absent: Mr. Michael Bates
Ms. JoAnn Fitzpatrick
L. Brugger

Also Present: Cristyl Meyers, Deputy City Attorney
T. Slater
P. Ronca
B. Glover
R. Barajas
Jan Ostashay, Neighborhood Historical Preservation Officer

Chairman Brown opened the hearing at **2:34 p.m.** in the Council Chambers, City Hall and referred to Ordinance No. C-5232, asked for all the people in the audience who planned to give testimony to stand, and were sworn in by Elbert Dubose.

A) CASES TO BE REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA:

**2. CASE NO. C – 7792-08-08: 2910 E HILL STREET, 6 ANGELS LLC, Owners
{(Proj. No. 527885) (Council Dist. 4)}
{Substandard Building Case}**

**3. CASE NO. C – 7793-08-08: 2914 HILL STREET, 6 ANGELS LLC, Owners
{(Proj. No. 527925) (Council Dist. 4)}
{Substandard Building Case}**

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B) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF October 20, 2008 HEARING:

It was moved by Board Member Salzer and seconded by Board Member Knowles to approve the minutes as submitted.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: CASE NO. C – 7796-11-08: 755 FREEMAN AVENUE,
JEANETTE L. EFFINGER, Owner {(Proj. No. 532343) (Council Dist. 2)}
{Substandard Building Case}

Chairman Brown called for the owner or representative to appear before the Board and **the owners were not present to** appear before the board. Staff indicated that as per recent inspection, the property remains in violation.

It was moved by Board Member Knowles and seconded by Board Member Manke to conclude the Hearing, adopt the findings of the Building Official as the Board's findings including 7 photographs, determine that the Single Family Dwelling with Attached Garage is substandard and a public nuisance, and order the owner to demolish or rehabilitate the structure as per Findings dated November 7, 2008 by **December 17, 2008**. Also, order the owner to maintain the structure in a safe, clean and secure manner until the demolition or rehabilitation is completed. The motion carried unanimously.

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CONSENT CALENDER:

None.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

SET DATE FOR NEXT HEARING: December 15, 2008

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Board Member Knowles and seconded by Board Member Manke that the hearing be adjourned at 2:41 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Minutes(M111708)

**LONG BEACH CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
JEANNE KARATSU, PRESIDENT
December 3, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Civil Service Commission was held at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 3, 2008, in the Board Room of the Commission, 333 West Ocean Boulevard, Seventh Floor, Long Beach, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Islas, F. Phil Infelise, Ahmed Saafir, Jeanne Karatsu, Douglas Haubert

MEMBER EXCUSED:

OTHERS PRESENT: Mario R. Beas, Executive Director & Secretary
Melinda George, Deputy Director
Marilyn Hall, Executive Assistant
Salvador Ambriz, Personnel Analyst
Diane Dzodin, Personnel Analyst
Caprice McDonald, Personnel Analyst
Robert Pfingsthorn, Personnel Analyst
Lourdes Ferrer, Assistant Administrative Analyst
Donna de Araujo, Assistant Administrative Analyst
Suzanne Mason, Director, Human Resources

President Jeanne Karatsu presided.

MINUTES: It was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 19, 2008, be approved as prepared. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Haubert and carried that dismissal appeal 20-D-78 hearing minutes of November 5, 2008, be approved as prepared. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT: The Secretary presented a communication from Phil T. Hester, Director of Human Resources, requesting Commission authorization to appoint Kimarie Vestre, to the classification of Events Coordinator on a provisional basis. In addition, the Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Caprice McDonald, Personnel Analyst. Ken Campbell, Personnel Services Officer, Parks, Recreation and Marine and Suzanne Mason, Director of Human Resources were present and answered questions of the Commission. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Islas, seconded by Commissioner Saafir and carried that the request be granted in accordance with Civil Service Commission Policy 1.02 and Section 43 of the Civil Service

Rules and Regulations. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

REQUEST TO FILE LATE APPLICATION:

WATER CONSERVATION SPECIALIST

The Secretary presented a communication from Scott Godfrey, requesting Commission approval to file a late application for the Water Conservation Specialist examination. In addition, the Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Sal Ambriz, Personnel Analyst. Mr. Ambriz briefed the Commission regarding Mr. Godfrey's request. Mr. Godfrey was present and addressed the Commission. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Haubert, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried to deny Mr. Godfrey's request to file a late application for Water Conservation Specialist. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATION TO CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

The Secretary presented a communication to the Commission regarding the assumption that Management Assistants who are not eligible to participate in the Administrative Analyst examination are being allowed in the process. Diane Dzodin, Personnel Analyst, briefed the Commission regarding the requirements to file, stating that all of the Management Assistants met the minimum requirements. She also informed the Commission that in previous years, Management Assistants have not met the minimum requirements, thereby not being able to compete in the examination process. Suzanne Mason, Director of Human Resources, was present and addressed the Commission. She stated that Pat West, City Manager, requested that she be present to address the matter. She agreed with Ms. Dzodin that not all Management Assistants have been accepted into the examination process. She provided the Commission with the recruitment and selection process for the current Management Assistants. Danny Wilson was present and spoke on this matter. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Haubert and carried to receive and file the communication. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

EXAMINATION RESULTS:

It was moved by Commissioner Islas, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the following examination results be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Fire Engineer – 26 Applied, 12 Qualified
Port Financial Analyst – 104 Applied, 58 Qualified
Water Conservation Specialist (Amended Results of 11/12/08)
59 Applied, 15 Qualified

EXTENSION OF EXPIRING ELIGIBLE LISTS:

It was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Islas and carried that the following eligible lists be extended for an additional six months, with the exception of Accounting Clerk, to be extended for three months. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Accountant
Accounting Clerk (**3 months**)
Civil Engineering Assistant (6/11/08 & 6/18/08)
Community Services Supervisor
Deputy Chief Harbor Engineer
Electrician
General Librarian (6/25/08)
Marina Agent
Office Automation Analyst (6/4/08 & 6/11/08)
Office Systems Analyst (6/4/08 & 6/11/08)
Park Ranger
Payroll/Personnel Assistant
Personnel Assistant
Public Health Physician
Public Health Professional (6/11/08)
Records Center Supervisor
Senior Equipment Operator – Backhoe
Special Services Officer
Systems Technician (6/4/08 & 6/18/08)
Transportation Planner
Water Treatment Operator

RESIGNATIONS:

It was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the following resignations be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Joseph Ferguson/Police Officer/Police
Nevita Rhea/School Guard/Police
Sopheadevyn Chum/School Guard/Police
Kimberly Cook/Public Health Nutritionist/Health

TRANSFER:

BRANDON WALKER/ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST II/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST II/FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Islas, seconded by Commissioner Haubert and carried that the subject transfer between departments be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

RESCHEDULE FOR HEARING:

SUSPENSION HEARING 14-S-78

It was moved by Commissioner Islas, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the subject hearing be rescheduled to December 10, 2008. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

MANAGERS' REPORT:

Melinda George, Deputy Director, congratulated Caprice McDonald on the outstanding job she did in the administration of the Fire Engineer examination.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Danny Wilson questioned the Commission regarding the ethnicity data sheet that job applicants are asked to fill out, accuracy of examination results, request for agenda items, who makes the determination regarding late application filing, distribution of job opportunity announcements, and when was Personnel Assistant opened for filing.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Commission, President Karatsu adjourned the meeting.



MARIO R. BEAS
Secretary

MRB:meh

**LONG BEACH CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
JEANNE KARATSU, PRESIDENT
DECEMBER 10, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Civil Service Commission was held at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 10, 2008, in the Board Room of the Commission, 333 West Ocean Boulevard, Seventh Floor, Long Beach, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Islas, F. Phil Infelise, Jeanne Karatsu, Douglas Haubert

MEMBER EXCUSED: Ahmed Saafir

OTHERS PRESENT: Mario R. Beas, Executive Director & Secretary
Melinda George, Deputy Director
Marilyn Hall, Executive Assistant
Salvador Ambriz, Personnel Analyst
Debbie McCluster, Personnel Analyst
Caprice McDonald, Personnel Analyst
Robert Pfingsthorn, Personnel Analyst
Lourdes Ferrer, Assistant Administrative Analyst
Donna de Araujo, Assistant Administrative Analyst
Ken Walker, Personnel Operations Manager, Human Resources

President Jeanne Karatsu presided.

MINUTES: It was moved by Commissioner Haubert, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of December 3, 2008, be approved as prepared. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Haubert, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that suspension/reduction 16-S/R-78 hearing minutes of November 19, 2008, be approved as prepared. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT: The Secretary presented a communication from Lisa Marin, Director of Human Resources, Harbor, requesting Commission authorization to appoint Claudia Escobedo, to the classification of Assistant Administrative Analyst on a provisional basis. In addition, the Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Rob Pfingsthorn, Personnel Analyst. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Islas, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the request be granted in accordance with Civil Service

Commission Policy 1.02 and Section 43 of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY REASSIGNMENT FOR REHABILITATION:

JAMES L. JOHNSON/REFUSE OPERATOR TO PARKING CONTROL CHECKER

The Secretary presented a communication from Suzanne Mason, Director of Human Resources, requesting Commission authorization to temporarily reassign James L. Johnson, Refuse Operator, to the classification of Parking Control Checker for rehabilitation. In addition, the Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Caprice McDonald, Personnel Analyst. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Islas, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the request for reassignment for rehabilitation be approved, pursuant to Section 63(5) of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

REQUEST TO EXTEND PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

JOSE RODRIQUEZ AND MARK WINCHESTER/GARAGE SERVICE ATTENDANTS

The Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Lourdes Ferrer, Assistant Administrative Analyst, requesting Commission approval to extend the provisional appointments for Jose Rodriquez and Mark Winchester, Garage Service Attendants, Public Works, for 150 days, until an eligible list is established. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Islas and carried that the request to extend the provisional appointments for Jose Rodriquez and Mark Winchester be approved in accordance with Section 49 of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations. The motion carried unanimously.

EXAMINATION RESULTS:

It was moved by Commissioner Islas, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the following examination results be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Police Recruit – 1754 Applied, 404 Qualified
~~Special Services Officer~~
Systems Support Specialist – 28 Applied, 24 Qualified

The Secretary thanked Lourdes Ferrer, Assistant Administrative Analyst for the excellent job she did in the administration of the Police Recruit examination, and staff that assisted her. He also thanked the Police Recruiters for the excellent work they did in recruiting candidates, especially since Civil Service staff was not available to assist on a regular basis and they had to work independently. He also stated that the number of applicants for Police Recruit exceeded the number staff expected and as a result, a Police Recruit eligible list of over 600 qualified applicants will be submitted to the Police Department.

Melinda George, Deputy Director, echoed the Secretary's congratulations to Ms. Ferrer regarding the outstanding job she did in the administration of the Police Recruit examination process.

RETIREMENT:

**ARMANDO SALAZAR/MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT II
PARKS**

It was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Haubert and carried that the subject retirement be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

RESIGNATION:

**LILLIA DEMASI/PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHER II
POLICE**

It was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Haubert and carried that the subject resignation be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**CANCELLATION OF CSC MEETING
OF DECEMBER 24 & 31, 2007:**

It was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Islas and carried that the regular CSC meeting of December 24 & 31, 2008, be cancelled due to lack of a quorum. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

MANAGERS' REPORT:

Melinda George, Deputy Director, informed the Commission that Deborah McCluster, Personnel Analyst, has been conducting the examination for Customer Service Representative, almost daily, due to the high volume of candidates. She stated that she would be conducting the last examination on Monday, December 15, 2008. She also stated that Diane Dzodin, Personnel Analyst, is conducting

the writing skills and oral interviews for the Administrative Analyst examination. She stated that the writing exercise is being administered on the computer for this test, and that candidates were offered the option of taking both the writing exercise and oral interview on the same day.

The Secretary informed the Commission that he attended a meeting for non-city manager departments, City Manager and Deputy City management and the Director of Financial Management regarding the budget process for the upcoming year. He also stated that they would meet regularly to ensure that non-city manager departments are current regarding the process. He also stated that he and Ms. George have attended several forecasting meetings.

The Secretary announced that Diane Dzodin, Personnel Analyst, has been appointed to the position of Administrative Officer, effective January 5, 2009.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

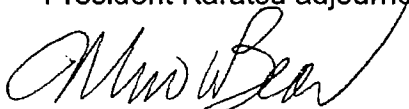
Stacy Lewis, Acting Assistant Director of Human Resources, Harbor, congratulated Melinda George on her appointment as the Deputy Director of Civil Service.

Danny Wilson questioned the Commission about the writing test for the Administrative Analyst examination, regarding how records are kept for each candidate. He also informed the Commission that he would have the opportunity to view his test with Civil Service staff today.

Michelle King addressed the Commission regarding the adopted family program the staff selected for this holiday season, indicating that she was touched that the Civil Service staff would consider a family from Jonathan Jaques Children Cancer Center, and shared information regarding this cancer center for children. She stated that it's very personal to her in that she had a child who was once at this center.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Commission, President Karatsu adjourned the meeting.



MARIO R. BEAS
Secretary

MRB:meh

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**SEPTEMBER 4, 2008**

The regular meeting of the City Planning Commission and public hearing convened Thursday, September 4, 2008 at 5:02 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 333 W. Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, CA.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS: Leslie Gentile, Philip Saumur, Charles Durnin, Donita Van Horik

ABSENT: EXCUSED: Melani Smith, Becky Blair

CHAIRMAN: Leslie Gentile

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig Beck, Director of Development Services
Greg Carpenter, Planning Bureau Manager
Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer
Jill Griffiths, Advance Planning Officer
Lynette Ferenczy, Planner
Craig Chalfant, Planner
Marcia Robertson, Minutes Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Amy Burton, Deputy City Attorney
Dennis Eschen, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Durnin.

MINUTES

The minutes of August 7, 2008 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Saumur, seconded by Commissioner Gentile and passed 3-0-1. Commissioner Van Horik abstained and Commissioners Smith and Blair were absent.

SWEARING OF WITNESSES

CONSENT CALENDAR

The consent calendar was approved as presented by staff on a motion by Commissioner Van Horik, seconded by Commissioner Durnin and passed 4-0. Commissioners Smith and Blair were absent.

1. Application No. 0803-11

Applicant: ALS Consulting
c/o Adrienne Bridges
Subject Site: 337 Redondo Avenue (District 2)

Approved the Tentative Tract Map, subject to conditions.

2. Application No. 90408

Applicant: William T. Fujioka, Chief Executive Officer
County of Los Angeles,
Subject Site: (District 2)

Approved finding of conformity.

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3. Application No. 0807-11

Applicant: City of Long Beach Department of Parks,
Recreation and Marine
c/o Heather Martin
Subject Site: 5119 E. Colorado Street (Colorado Lagoon and
Marina Vista Park) (District 3)

Lynette Ferenczy presented the staff report recommending approval of the restoration and improvement project at the Colorado Lagoon and Marina Vista Park.

Ms. Ferenczy reported that Phase I of the Colorado Lagoon restoration project would include dredging the lagoon, implementing storm drain upgrades, removal of the north parking lot, access road and restrooms, developing a bird island within the lagoon, planting eel grass, and developing walking trails and viewing platforms at the lagoon.

She further reported that Phase II of the Marina Vista Park improvement would include developing an open water channel between the lagoon and Marine Stadium, construction of two roadway bridges spanning the open water channel, the demolition and replacement of two existing restrooms in Marina Vista Park, reconfiguring the baseball

and soccer fields and developing a walking trail on the eastside of the open channel.

Craig Chalfant discussed the Environmental Impact Report, review process, Mitigation Monitoring Program, and the Statement of Overriding Considerations for the project.

In response to a query from Commissioner Van Horik regarding the removal of the parking lot on the north side of the lagoon, Ms. Ferenczy responded that the number of parking spaces provided by the parking lot on the south side of the lagoon meets the parking requirements of the Zoning Code.

Dennis Eschen, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, stated that the parking lot on the north side of the lagoon is currently underutilized and the project will remove the facilities (restrooms and picnic area) that it supports.

In response to a query from Commissioner Saumur, Mr. Eschen responded that dredging will be done to improve the water quality by removing contaminated sediments.

Ray Thorne, President Friends of Colorado Lagoon, 395 Orlena Avenue, stated that his group supports the project and is eager to see it move forward. He commented that his group had been involved in fund raising efforts and did not want to see the money raised lost due to time constraints placed on it by the Clean Beaches Initiative.

Matt Kirk, 5330 East 4th Street, stated that he is against the project. He commented that the open channel would adversely effect the park by taking away 2 acres of land actively utilized by team sports. He further stated that he felt that the EIR understated the use of the park and that water quality could be maintained by other means.

Barbara Wood, no address given, asked the Commission if a condition could be placed on the project stating that the lagoon was closed to shell fishing because it depletes the food source for birds.

Craig Wallace, 377 Los Altos Avenue, stated that he was concerned with the open channel as it would take away valuable space used by team sports. He asked that an alternative be explored.

Andrew Kincaid, 5275 Paoli Way, stated that he supports the project because the restoration of the open channel represents the re-creation of a connection of the 2 bodies of water that previously existed. He commented that he feels that the project creates an opportunity to undo the damage that was previously done to the area.

Dave Perassi, 445 Los Altos Avenue, stated that he supports the project. He commented that as a past president of the Alamitos Heights

Improvement Association residents were polled regarding improvement items for the area and for several years the Colorado Lagoon restoration was a high priority.

Taylor Parker, Education Director for Friends of Colorado Lagoon and naturalist, 740 Roswell, stated that he is in full support of the project and feels that the EIR adequately addressed all the environmental concerns.

Bill Thomas, Winslow, stated that as a member of the Alamitos Heights Improvement Association he concurs that area residents are largely in support of the project.

Ylia Ross, Vice President of Spinnaker Cove H.O.A., 5402 Heron Bay, stated that her group did not support the project because of noise concerns associated with Phase II and the removal of recreational area.

Rich Sonnenberg, 419 Orlena Avenue, stated that he was speaking on behalf of 1100 members of the El Dorado Audubon Society and that the project has the full support of his group.

Lori Pekich, 419 Temple, stated that she was in support of the project and wanted to reiterate Mr. Kincaid's comment that the Colorado Lagoon used to stretch from Marine Stadium to the current lagoon site.

In response to concerns raised during public comment, Mr. Eschen stated that the open channel was preferable to the double channel alternative because it creates more habitat area and the alternative would create subterranean culverts which would require costly maintenance approximately every 5 years.

Mr. Eschen commented that as part of the implementation plan, no fishing would be allowed in the habitat reserve.

Finally, Mr. Eschen stated that the number of formal playing fields would not change, some informal areas may be lost, but it should not adversely affect the recreational users.

In an effort to reduce bird fecal matter from contaminating the water, Commissioner Durnin suggested that the bird island be built 1' below the surface until Phase II is ready to be implemented. By that time there would be proper tidal flushing and the eel grass would have grown in and then the island could be completed.

Commissioner Durnin also suggested that a sand berm be created along the edge of the golf course. This would keep balls from going into the lagoon, serve as a filtration bunker for fertilizer and keep water from coming into the lagoon.

Mr. Eschen responded that the planned bioswale would reduce surface runoff from the golf course and filter it thru grass.

With regards to the bird island, Kim Garvey, of Moffatt & Nichol, responded that the island is proposed as existing land and has a channel carved out around it rather than a fill that could be kept submerged. The island would be a very small area and not likely to attract a large bird population. She continued that the cleaning of the culvert would significantly improve the tidal flushing while the island was being built and the storm drains would also help to decrease the bacterial load to the lagoon.

Commissioner Van Horik made a motion to certify the Environmental Impact Report, approve the Site Plan Review and Local Coastal Development Permit, recommend the City Council approve the amendments to the Local Coastal Development Program Text Amendment and Zoning Regulations and Commissioner Saumur seconded the motion which passed 3-0-1. Commissioner Gentile recused herself and Commissioners Smith and Blair were absent.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Craig Beck reported that the draft Housing Element had been released for circulation and comments and would be coming before the Planning Commission on October 2, 2008 for comments.

Mr. Beck also commented that the City Council had passed moratoriums on bedroom splitting in parking impacted areas and on check cashing facilities.

MATTERS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

There were no matters from the Planning Commission.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Eidson
Minutes Clerk

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**OCTOBER 2, 2008**

STUDY SESSION: A study session was held at 4:00 pm to update the LB 2030 Plan.

The regular meeting of the City Planning Commission and public hearing convened Thursday, October 2, 2008 at 5:10 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 333 W. Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, CA.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS: Phil Saumur, Leslie Gentile, Charles Durnin, Donita Van Horik, Melani Smith, Becky Blair

ABSENT: EXCUSED: None

CHAIRMAN: Phil Saumur

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig Beck, Director of Development Services
Greg Carpenter, Planning Bureau Manager
Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer
Jill Griffiths, Advance Planning Officer

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Mais, Assistant City Attorney
Jan Ostashay, Historic Preservation Officer
Veronica Tam, Housing Element Consultant
Ellie Tolentino, Housing Services Bureau
Marcia Gold, Minutes Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Gentile.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Craig Beck announced that all City announcements would from now on be translated into Spanish, and that translators were available for City meetings.

SWEARING OF WITNESSES

CONSENT CALENDAR

The consent calendar was approved as presented by staff on a motion by Commissioner Blair, seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

1. Application No. 0804-08

Applicant: Michael Pauls
Subject Site: 2-61st Place (District 3)

Accepted withdrawal of zone change application.

2. Application No. 0807-07

Applicant: S. Mario Stavale, Senior Real Estate Manager
Subject Site: 4900 Conant Street (District 5)

Continued requests for rezoning and a Tentative Subdivision Map to the October 16, 2008 meeting.

3. Application No. 0807-12

Applicant: William Yoon Oak
Subject Site: 4100 Atlantic Avenue (District 8)

Approved a Conditional Use Permit for an existing liquor store (Type 21 license) and legalization of unpermitted construction consisting of a storeroom addition.

REGULAR AGENDA

4. Housing Element

Applicant: Craig Beck, Director of Development Services
Subject Site: City of Long Beach

Jill Griffiths reviewed the draft Housing Element, noting staff would be looking for public input, and asked the Commission to forward it to City Council.

Suzanne Browne, Legal Aid Foundation, 110 Pine #420, representing Housing Long Beach, said she believed the proposed Element did not include quantification of extreme low-income housing. Ms. Brown recommended that those households be identified as a special needs group with spot rezoning to accommodate affordable housing. She also

claimed that developer credits for affordable units had been applied for but not built, and that the commercial market fee was feasible.

Gary Shelton, 1243 E. Ocean Boulevard, said he felt the City had not yet fully mitigated government constraints on low- and extremely low-income housing for special needs groups. Mr. Shelton also claimed that the Housing element was underfunded, and that specially identified emergency shelters in light industrial areas had not yet been assessed as to their capacity and suitability for use.

Sandra Kroll, 5280 Atherton, said she thought some of the City's housing fund figures were overstated.

Maria Geesey, 1901 E. Ocean Boulevard, claimed that too much middle- and high-income housing had been built given the large rental market in the City.

Reverend C. Kit Wilkie, 950 W. 27th Street, representing the Long Beach Coalition for the Homeless, provided written comments to the staff encouraging expansion of the development density bonus incentive to expand inclusionary housing opportunities. Reverend Wilkie also suggested that zoning changes be made to accommodate efficiency units and single rooms through adaptive reuse of former motel and hotel properties all over the City.

Jack Smith, 2453 Hillman Avenue, said he felt the City Housing Fund numbers were misleading due to inclusion of high and mid-range housing units, and thought there needed to be a better balance of social services placements, since most were currently on the west side.

Richard Hernandez, Disabled Resource Center, no address given, stated he agreed with the previous speakers and their recommendations.

In response to a query from Commissioner Blair regarding data sources, Greg Carpenter stated that the City had used the 2000 Census rather than the 2006 Census, since it was a sampling rather than a full count. Veronica Tam, City Housing Element consultant, explained the variation in statistics, noting that certain numbers were either not recognized or allowable under State law.

In response to a query from Commissioner Van Horik regarding housing development funds, Ellie Tolentino, Housing Services Bureau, stated that \$1 million had been spent towards home improvement rebates.

Commissioner Smith expressed concern that the Housing Trust Fund was underfunded, and said she did not have enough detail to understand the constraints. Ms. Smith added that although a commercial linkage fee and inclusionary Housing Policy were major steps for the City, and that

mixed income housing development was important, she wanted more background on specific policy recommendations.

Mr. Carpenter noted that there was no support to go in that direction since Council seemed comfortable with the level of commitment the City has made towards affordable housing.

Commissioner Gentile pointed out that shelters were specifically located in industrial areas for emergencies, not for permanent housing, and Ms. Tam added that the criteria for locating emergency shelters included its proximity to services, transportation and resources.

In response to a query from Commissioner Gentile regarding allocation of funds, Ms. Tolentino noted that four significant mixed-income projects had been built in the last year, including multi-unit and assisted living, with funds being used for building acquisition and rehabilitation.

Commissioner Blair expressed concern that in the down market, the City would not be able to satisfy all affordable housing needs, and would lose opportunities for new homeowners. She added that to keep the City competitive, they should always be looking for creative incentives for developers to build affordable housing for all income levels, and continue to look at adaptive re-use.

Chairman Saumur asked if the City was constantly depleting the Housing Funds. Ms. Tolentino said that the City had been successful in disbursing the funds in the past few years.

In response to a query from Chairman Saumur about the viability of the tiered density bonus program, Mr. Carpenter said that the process was being used several times a year, but that it was not as active as it should be to meet goal numbers.

In response to a query from Chairman Saumur regarding the SRO policy, Derek Burnham stated that there was currently no specific SRO policy in place, but staff felt such a policy could result in adaptive reuses all over the City, especially along the commercial corridors.

Commissioner Smith suggested that the following recommendations be passed along to the City Council:

- Identify a full, stable funding source for the Housing Trust Fund
- Develop an inclusionary housing policy
- Promote adaptive re-use
- Look into a commercial linkage fee policy
- Expand the density bonus incentive
- Incentivize housing for a broader range of special needs groups

- Place emergency shelters in more zones if acceptable to the community
- Expand, strengthen and enforce the ten-year plan/policy to end homelessness

Commissioner Durnin moved to continue to update the process by evaluating the proposed future distribution of housing units throughout the City in terms of how the plan promotes an economically, environmentally and socially equitable community; and to explore the transition areas between the City's primary mobility corridors and the land uses directly behind them; and the City Council specifically look at long-term funding sources for the Housing Trust Fund.

Commissioner Durnin restated his motion to recommend to the City Council that the Housing Element as written be submitted to the California Department of Housing and Community Development; to make a statement requesting them to evaluate the proposed future distribution of housing units throughout the City in terms of how the plan promotes an economically, environmentally and socially equitable community and to explore the transition areas between the City's primary mobility corridors and the land uses directly behind them.

Chairman Saumur seconded the motion, which passed unanimously

Commissioner Smith moved that the Commission recommend to the City Council that as part of their deliberations in reviewing the Housing Element they should consider adding to the policy regarding the Housing Trust fund to seek to identify a stable funding source. Commissioner Van Horik seconded the motion.

Commissioner Blair opined that the funding issue was related but should not be added without input from the Commission, and she thought it needed more analysis and discussion before asking Council to put policy in place.

Commissioner Gentile noted that it was just a suggestion, not a policy recommendation.

Commissioner Van Horik agreed that the intent was to encourage discussion at the policy level, not set it.

The question was called and the motion passed 5-1 with Commissioner Blair dissenting.

5. Cultural Heritage Commission Changes

Applicant: Craig Beck, Director of Development Services
Subject Site: City of Long Beach

Mr. Carpenter gave a brief outline of Cultural Heritage customer service, noting that the application process was unnecessarily burdensome to the applicant.

Jan Ostashay, Historic Preservation Officer, added that the overall consolidation and tiering of applications will result in more efficient customer service relations, and she added that she had trained planning staff on standards and requirements so they could approve smaller projects without going through the Cultural Heritage Commission.

Commissioner Durnin inquired as to applicant options if they were to be turned down at the staff level depending on the project. Ms. Ostashay stated that it would then go to the Cultural Heritage Commission, not on to the Planning Commission.

In response to a query from Commissioner Blair about appeals on minor alterations, Mr. Carpenter stated that those came up once a year or less. Ms. Blair expressed concern about the seemingly arbitrary limit on appeals.

Commissioner Smith moved to recommend that the City Council amend the Cultural Heritage Commission ordinance, Chapter 2.63 of the City's Municipal Code. Commissioner Durnin seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

REPORT ON OTHER DEPARTMENT MATTERS

Greg Carpenter announced that he was leaving the City of Long Beach to take a position at the City of El Segundo. On behalf of the Commission, Commissioner Durnin thanked Mr. Carpenter for all his help.

MATTERS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

There were no matters from the Planning Commission.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Gold
Minutes Clerk

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA
NOVEMBER 6, 2008

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 November 6, 2008.

The meeting was called to order at 9:17 a.m. by President Allen.

PRESENT:	John Allen	Commissioner
	Paul Blanco	Commissioner
	Frank Clarke	Commissioner
	William B. Townsend	Commissioner
	Richard Anthony	Deputy City Attorney
	Kevin L. Wattier	General Manager
	Sandra L. Fox	Secretary to the Board of Water Commissioners
	Robert C. Cheng	Deputy General Manager – Operations
	B. Anatole Falagan	Deputy General Manager – Business
	Ryan J. Alsop	Director, Government & Public Affairs
	Matthew P. Lyons	Director, Planning & Conservation
	Isaac C. Pai	Director of Engineering
	Eric Leung	Director of Water Resources
	Monya Hawkins	Manager Information Technology
	Dynna Long	Office Administrator
	Alex Gima	Los Angeles Department of Water & Power
ABSENT:	Suzanne Dallman	Commissioner

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Frank Clarke led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 23, 2008

Upon motion by Commissioner Blanco, seconded by Commissioner Townsend and unanimously carried, the minutes of the Meeting of October 23, 2008 were approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Allen opened the public comment period. As there were no requests to address the Board on non-agenda items, the public comment period was closed.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- **John D. S. Allen, President, Board of Water Commissioners**

President Allen distributed evaluation packets for the General Manager. He asked the Board members to read and review the packet and be prepared for discussion regarding this matter at the Closed Session scheduled for November 20, 2008. He requested the completed packets be returned to Sandy Fox before the meeting for review by the President by November 13, 2008.

The President reminded the Board members to review and complete their Payroll HR-2 forms.

President Allen reminded the Board members that their Mandatory Ethics Training should be completed by December 15, 2008 or they could not continue to serve on the Board. He advised the training is available on the Internet, and takes approximately two hours to complete.

President Allen reported that he had attended Representative Laura Richardson's election night party. He advised that while at the party he had had a discussion with Harbor Commissioner, Mike Walter who had brought up the idea of a joint meeting between the Water and Harbor commissioners to discuss the possibility of the Long Beach Water Department taking over the Port water system.

Mr. Wattier commented on the current existing 10-year MOU with the Port regarding their water system, and the possibility of a phased incorporation into LBWD system, if their system meets LBWD standards. He advised they are currently performing an assessment and gap analysis of their water system, which is due in January 2009. He reported results for that assessment will establish the basis and means for taking over the Port water system. He advised LBWD's objective is to not take over a sub-standard system.

Mr. Wattier noted the following possible options available regarding this matter:

1. Agree on value of asset compared to standard and Port would pay difference.
2. Agreement that the Port would pay to improve their system.
3. Possible trade of property for value to locate a future Desal plant.

Mr. Wattier pointed out that critical to any option is the conclusions reached when the assessment study is completed in January.

It was agreed that Mr. Wattier would work with the Executive Director of the Port, Mr. Dick Steinke, to establish an agenda and a meeting date for a joint meeting of the Water Commission and Harbor Commission.

President Allen also reported having a conversation with Representative Richardson's Chief of Staff while at the party, and advised she asked about a tour of the Prototype Desalination Plant in Long Beach for Representative Richardson. It was agreed the President would send a letter inviting Representative Richardson for a tour.

President Allen requested that a study session be set for the November 20, 2008 agenda regarding recycled water; and to continue to strategize on how to increase its use.

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT
Kevin L. Wattier, General Manager

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION RECLAMATION PLANT – CAPACITY CONSTRAINTS

Mr. Wattier reported the following:

- LACSD has committed by November 17, 2008 to complete physical modifications that will remove capacity constraints on additional recycled water.
- LBWD would then assess what new capacity is available.
- This information could be made part of the discussion on November 20, 2008 during the Recycled Water study session.

STATE WATER PROJECT ALLOCATION UPDATE

Mr. Wattier confirmed the preliminary SWP allocation for 2008 – 2009 was set at 15%. He pointed out this was the second lowest initial allocation made by the Department of Water Resources. He noted the possibility that the DWR allocation announcement was made earlier than normal to possibly set early expectations for the State Drought Water Bank, and to stimulate more participation and control its use.

GROUNDWATER FRAMEWORK UPDATE

Mr. Wattier advised that negotiations have been continuing for over a year to make Judgement amendments to better utilize empty storage in both the West and Central Basins. He advised that unresolved objections by Downey was the current issue being discussed.

He reported that a meeting has been scheduled for November 19, 2008 to summarize the final proposal and submit to the court two amendments to the

Judgement. He advised that the group has been working with the Gateway Cities to support these amendments.

He advised the remaining issues are how to "split up the pie" as to how the pools get set up, and to whom they are allocated (e.g., pumpers; the Water Replenishment District); and the role for the Central Basin Municipal Water District in the judgment.

GENERAL MANAGER RESPONSE TO LIST OF ISSUES SUBMITTED TO HIM
BY COMMISSIONER CLARKE

Mr. Wattier responded as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF WATER & POWER HYDRAULIC FIX

They are working on this matter; depending on existing demand; once-through cooling being eliminated.

MANHOLE COVERS & FIRE HYDRANT THEFTS

Mr. Wattier reported the fire hydrant thief had been caught and prosecuted; he reported there had been no additional manhole cover thefts.

DESAL RESEARCH UPDATE

Mr. Wattier reported that research continued, and that staff anticipated reporting soon on great success in energy reduction related to desalination of water.

WATER TESTING

Commissioner Clarke reported on a recent BBC report on pharmaceuticals in water supplies and the difficulty in removing these items from treated water.

Mr. Wattier reported that sampling of LBWD wells had not detected pharmaceuticals in the water.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Commissioner Blanco, and seconded by Commissioner Townsend to approve Consent Calendar items 6a. and 6b. These Consent Calendar items were unanimously approved.

6a. Authorize the General Manager to Execute a Sewer Service Agreement with the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) to Accept the Sanitary Waste from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's (LADWP) Haynes Generation Station (Haynes)

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

6b. Adopt Specifications WD-11-05 for the Large Water Valve Replacement Project, and Authorize the General Manager to Sign a Construction Contract with Stephen Doreck Equipment Rentals, Inc., in the amount of \$551,021

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

7. Update on Water Efficient Landscape Giveaway Program
• **Kevin L. Wattier, General Manager**

Mr. Wattier reported the latest number of entrants for this program to date was 1,595. He advised that the trend was for a decreasing number of entrants since the beginning of the program; he reported the department had received 20 – 40 entries in the last few days.

Mr. Wattier advised that staff felt to capitalize on the excitement of this program, they were suggesting announcing the awardees (one in each council district) at the beginning of December 2008.

There was discussion on the process for picking the winners.

Commissioner Clarke inquired if there were funds available from the Metropolitan Water District to be used to increase the number of awardees. Mr. Wattier advised this would not be feasible.

Commissioner Townsend inquired about the initial ending date for this program.

Commissioner Clarke advised that the Long Beach Water Department might have a public relations problem with the applicants who were not selected. Mr. Alsop advised this program was part of the department's conservation message program and afforded the department earned media attention; he reported there would be focused communications leading up to the specific end date for the program.

Commissioner Townsend asked staff to agendaize this item for the November 20, 2008 Board meeting, and be prepared to discuss specific implementation of this program and establish a formal date for the drawing.

President Allen inquired since there are 60,000 single family residences in the City of Long Beach what was being done to promote this program. Mr. Alsop responded that the program details and entry drawing were posted on the Water Department website; the cable television "Reluctant Gardener" program continues to run showing the neighborhood demonstration water efficient garden; staff has run newspaper ads regarding this program; and postcards advertising the program have been distributed at local Starbuck stores.

Mr. Alsop provided a detailed overview of the reality show, "The Reluctant Gardener", and how it connects with the program.

9. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES/ACTIONS/BILLS

- **Ryan J. Alsop, Director, Government & Public Affairs**

Mr. Alsop reminded the Board members who would be attending the State of the County luncheon that it was being held, Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at 11:00 A.M. at the Long Beach Convention Center Grand Ballroom.

Mr. Alsop summarized the recent election results; he advised the transition will mean changes in appointed positions in agencies that the LBWD deals with for its programs.

He reported Congress is in transition and is focused on a possible job stimulus package. He advised several components of this package could focus on infrastructure. He advised the department was working with the City in submitting LBWD projects that might be included for funding consideration.

Mr. Alsop reported that 2009 appropriations would be on hold until March 2009. He reminded the Board that both House and Senate appropriation bills had full LBWD requests in the budget.

Mr. Alsop reported on local election results.

Mr. Alsop advised the State legislature was set to meet in special session on the State budget crisis.

Mr. Alsop commented on a possible Federal policy shift regarding energy and water. He advised staff was closely monitoring this situation.

Commissioner Clarke inquired about ballot measures related to infrastructure. Mr. Alsop advised that Measure I had failed (local infrastructure); Proposition R (subway expansion) had passed, and State Measure 1A (high speed passenger train) had passed.

Commissioner Clarke inquired if bill 885 (MWD alternate director) that had been vetoed by the Governor would be reintroduced. Mr. Alsop advised there is interest in having this bill reintroduced.

Commissioner Clarke commented on a recent report regarding Los Angeles schools and lead in the water at these facilities. He asked if this kind of testing had been done at Long Beach schools. Mr. Cheng, Deputy General Manager – Operations, responded that some years ago the LBWD had done limited testing at schools for bacteriological levels. He recalled that the result of this testing had recommended that some schools establish flushing of drinking fountains to avoid stagnation and chlorine residual levels. Mr. Cheng reported that these test results had been distributed to the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD).

There was general discussion on lead in water, and actions by responsible agencies with oversight.

Mr. Wattier advised that staff could send a letter to the LBUSD with the previous 1998 test results as an attachment, which would remind them of this issue.

10. NEW BUSINESS

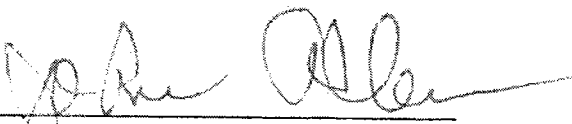
None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Allen adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m. to the next regular meeting of the Water Commission to be held November 20, 2008, in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 1800 E. Wardlow, in Long Beach, California.


Frank Clarke, Secretary

Attest:


John D. S. Allen President

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 4, 2008

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 December 4, 2008.

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

PRESENT:	Paul Blanco	Commissioner
	Frank Clarke	Commissioner
	Suzanne Dallman	Commissioner
	William B. Townsend	Commissioner
	Charles Parkin	Principal Deputy City Attorney
	Kevin L. Wattier	General Manager
	Sandra L. Fox	Secretary to the Board of Water Commissioners
	Robert C. Cheng	Deputy General Manager – Operations
	B. Anatole Falagan	Deputy General Manager – Business
	Ryan J. Alsop	Director, Government & Public Affairs
	Isaac Pai	Director of Engineering
	Eric Leung	Director of Water Resources
	Paul T. Fujita	Director of Finance
	Monya Hawkins	Manager Information Technology
	Ken Bott	Administrative Officer
	Melissa L. Keyes	Administrative Analyst III/Special Projects Coordinator
	Robert Verceles	Division Engineer
	Terry McAlpine	Administrative Analyst III
	Greg Sorensen	Administrative Analyst III
	Dynna Long	Office Administrator
	Roxanne Martin	Long Beach Resident
ABSENT:	John Allen	Commissioner (EXCUSED)

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Robert C. Cheng led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 20, 2008

Upon motion by Commissioner Clarke, seconded by Commissioner Townsend and unanimously carried, the minutes of the Meeting of November 20, 2008 were unanimously approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Acting President Blanco opened the public comment period. As there were no requests to address the Board on non-agenda items, the public comment period was closed.

4. ACTING PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- **Paul C. Blanco, Acting President, Board of Water Commissioners**

Acting President Blanco read a comment from President Allen reminding the Board that he has scheduled a Seawater Desalination Study Session for the December 18, 2008 board meeting.

Acting President Blanco also reminded the Board Members of the upcoming Colorado River Water Users Association conference being held December 15 – 17, 2008 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Kevin L. Wattier, General Manager

STUDY OF PILOT SEAWATER DESALINATION PLANT

Mr. Wattier reported that the study of a pilot Seawater Desalination plant at the under ocean intake site had been put on hold, based on additional conversations held with previous Commissioners.

WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE OPPORTUNITY DRAWING AT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mr. Wattier reported that the winners of the Long Beach Water Department's citywide, water-efficient landscape giveaway program had been announced at the December 2, 2008 City Council meeting. He advised there was one winner from each city council district. He advised staff is now verifying property ownership information prior to proceeding with the program, and retaining a landscape designer/installer to conduct design and construction.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Commissioner Townsend, seconded by Commissioner Clarke to approve Consent Calendar item 6a. This Consent Calendar item was unanimously approved.

6a. Approval of Transfer of Funds by Journal Entry Dated December 4, 2008

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

- 7. Authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to Sign a quitclaim deed Relinquishing the Department's interests in a portion of the Long Beach Water Company Blanket Easement over parcel 7207-022-042 and Charge the City of Signal Hill the minimum fee of \$1,000 for processing the quitclaim**
- **B. Anatole Falagan, Deputy General Manager - Business**

Mr. Falagan provided a briefing regarding this agenda item.

It was moved by Commissioner Clarke to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to Sign a quitclaim deed Relinquishing the Department's interests in a portion of the Long Beach Water Company Blanket Easement over parcel 7207-022-042 and Charge the City of Signal Hill the minimum fee of \$1,000 for processing the quitclaim. Commissioner Townsend seconded the motion. The item was unanimously approved.

8. Drought Update Report

- **B. Anatole Falagan, Deputy General Manager – Business**

Mr. Falagan provided an overview of the drought update report. He also reported on imported water supplies and noted the low reserves, with reduced supply availability. He advised that the State Water Project had announced a low preliminary allocation for 2008-2009, and that discussion was continuing regarding the State Water Bank with a current uncertain outcome.

Mr. Wattier advised that if the Delta Smelt Biological Opinion, expected to be released on December 15th, 2008, resulted in more stringent pumping restrictions, that the Metropolitan Water District might be expected to implement their Water Allocation Plan as early as 2009.

Mr. Falagan reported on the historically low reservoir level at Oroville.

He also reported on the local precipitation indexes and noted the rain totals for the recent November rainstorm indicated record rainfall for that period. He also noted the low snow pack total for Mammoth at 32% of normal.

Mr. Falagan reviewed historical water consumption demands for the City of Long Beach, and reported that November 2008 water demand was another low-use record.

Mr. Falagan concluded his drought report by reviewing the timeline of events that have or might affect future water supplies, which included information on the upcoming biological opinion for Delta Smelt; State Water Project Allocation updates and the ruling on biological opinion for salmon being affected by State Water Project pumping.

9. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES/ACTIONS/BILLS

- **Ryan J. Alsop, Director, Government & Public Affairs**

Mr. Alsop noted that the Association California Water Agency was currently holding their winter conference in Long Beach. He reported that Councilmember Suja Lowenthal had provided the welcome at the Opening Session.

He reported that he is monitoring both Federal and State developments, and noted recent changes in committees and committee staff.

Mr. Alsop reported the Long Beach Water Department had been awarded a Flex Your Power Award for water conservation and energy savings. He advised the award ceremony would take place in San Francisco on December 15, 2008.

Commissioner Townsend inquired if the State would be receiving any funding for water projects, through the possible Federal infrastructure stimulus program. Mr. Wattier responded that the Long Beach Water Department had provided potential project lists, and that staff and legislative staff were monitoring this situation.

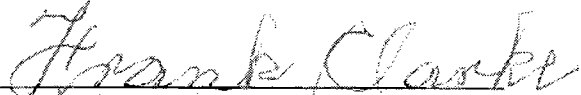
Commissioner Dallman inquired regarding potential Environmental Protection Agency and Interior Secretary appointments. Mr. Alsop noted there had been discussion regarding a possible appointment of the EPA Director from New Jersey, but no official announcement had yet been made.

10. NEW BUSINESS


None.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Acting President Blanco adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m. to the next regular meeting of the Water Commission to be held December 18, 2008, in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 1800 E. Wardlow, in Long Beach, California.


Frank Clarke, Secretary

Attest:


John D. S. Allen President