

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
AUGUST 17, 2006**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Harry Saltzgaver, President, at 9:00 a.m., at the El Dorado Park West Senior Center Library. Thomas Shippey, Manager of Maintenance Operations Bureau, took roll call and confirmed a quorum.

**Present:** Harry Saltzgaver, President  
Albert Guerra  
Bob Livingstone  
Brett Waterfield

**Absent:** Drew Satariano, Vice President (excused)  
Simon George (excused)  
Sarah Tong Sangmeister (excused)

**Staff:** Thomas Shippey, Manager, Maintenance Operations Bureau  
Dennis Eschen, Manager, Planning and Development Bureau  
J.C. Squires, Manager, Business Operations Bureau  
Sherri Nixon-Joiner, Superintendent, Community Recreation Programs  
Gwendolyn Parker, Superintendent, Contracts and Revenue Development  
Leslie Hunsaker, Administrative Analyst  
Bill Greco, Acting Chief Park Ranger  
Shawn Larson, Contract Supervisor of Ground Maintenance  
Robin Black, Executive Assistant to the Director

**Guests:** Robert Lamond, Partners of Parks  
John Hunsaker

**It was moved by Commissioner Livingstone and seconded by Commissioner Guerra to excuse the absence of Vice President Drew Satariano, and Commissioners Simon George and Sarah Tong Sangmeister. The motion carried unanimously.**

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JULY 20, 2006**

**It was moved by Commissioner Livingstone and seconded by Commissioner Guerra to approve the July 20, 2006 Parks and Recreation Commission minutes. The motion carried unanimously.**

**III. SAMMY AWARD PRESENTATION – GWENDOLYN PARKER AND GEOFF HALL**

President Saltzgaver stated that Ms. Parker and Mr. Hall would present the Sammy Award at the September 21 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

**IV. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH PRESENTATIONS FOR AUGUST**

President Saltzgaver stated that Commissioner Waterfield would announce the Employee of the Month for August.

Commissioner Waterfield announced Tony Pope, as Field Operations Employee of the Month.

Ms. Sherri Nixon-Joiner, Superintendent in Community Recreation Programs Bureau, spoke about Mr. Pope, who works in the Youth Sports Office.

**V. PARTNERS OF PARKS PRESENTATION ON RECREATION PARK BAND SHELL PROJECT – BEA ANTENORE**

Mr. Bob Lamond stated that Bea Antenore was ill and sends her regrets and that he would be making the presentation. He introduced John Hunsaker, who would be presenting his Eagle project.

Mr. John Hunsaker said that he is 16 years old a student at Los Alamitos High School, and is close to achieving his Eagle rank. He chose to rehabilitate the public seating benches at the Recreation Park band shell for his service project because of his love of music. He removed 65 old and dilapidated boards and replaced them with new, primed, and painted boards. He explained how he held fundraisers and raised \$1,000 for the project supplies. The project took four weekends and volunteers contributed 330 man-hours. He thanked Shawn Larson and Theresa Maceyka, Maintenance Operations Bureau Supervisors, for their help with his project. Mr. Hunsaker presented Shawn Larson, who was present, with a plaque from him and the Boy Scouts of America.

Commissioner Guerra asked if the rest of his Troup assisted with the project.

Mr. Hunsaker said that his Troup did assist, along with City staff, friends, and family.

Commissioner Guerra encouraged Mr. Hunsaker to continue his path and commended him for his work.

Mr. Tom Shippey introduced the Department's new Manager of Business Operations, J.C. Squires, who came from the City Auditor's Office.

VI. **COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS**

**#06-0801**

PERSONAL SERVICES/INSTRUCTION AGREEMENTS-MONTHLY APPROVAL

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

**#06-0802**

AUTHORIZATION OF FACILITY USE PERMIT WITH THE RANCHO LOS CERRITOS FOUNDATION

Ms. Gwendolyn Parker stated that the Rancho Los Cerritos Foundation has two contracts with the City and this approval would synchronize the agreements to expire at the same time.

**It was moved by Commissioner Guerra and seconded by Commissioner Livingstone to authorize the execution of a Third Amendment to Facility Use Permit No. 28275 between the City of Long Beach and Rancho Los Cerritos Foundation to extend the term five years, with two, five-year renewal options subject to the approval of the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine. The motion carried unanimously.**

**#06-0803**

REQUEST TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL COLLOCATION ON CELL TOWER AT EL DORADO GOLF COURSE

Ms. Parker stated that the Department was approached by Verizon to add an additional antenna on the existing cell tower at El Dorado Golf Course. She said that the Planning and Building Department would also need to approve this request also.

Mr. Eschen said that this includes additional ground equipment, which will be screened by landscaping.

**It was moved by Commissioner Waterfield and seconded by Commissioner Livingstone to receive and file the staff report on the collocation on the cell tower at El Dorado Golf Course. The motion carried unanimously.**

**VII. COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS**

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

President Saltzgaver stated that the Executive Committee met and discussed the agenda. He said that there has been an upgrade in the status of the Parks and Recreation Commission, through a letter to the City Manager, and Commissioners should now be getting introduced at City events.

President Saltzgaver stated that the National Recreation and Parks Association Annual Congress is in October and will be held in Seattle, Washington. The Department is up for the Gold Medal Award for the best park system in the nation, and will be receiving an award for the mural program. He is planning on attending that conference.

**B. FINANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE**  
President Saltzgaver, Chair

President Saltzgaver stated that the Committee met in a study session regarding the tennis contract with Cathy Jacobson Guzy. He said that issue is still to be resolved. The finance report is included in the packet.

President Saltzgaver stated that the budget was presented to the City Council on August 15.

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

Acting Chief Ranger Bill Greco stated that there was no meeting this month and the incident report was included in the packet.

Commissioner Waterfield stated that he walked by the El Dorado skate park and noticed the posted signs warning that the skate park would be closed if equipment violations continue.

Mr. Shippey stated that this issue would be brought before the Parks and Recreation Commission before any action would be taken.

Acting Chief Ranger Greco said that they have cited and arrested people at the skate parks.

President Saltzgaver said that the skate boarders were more than willing to organize when the skate park opened and suggested that the Department organize another meeting with them.

Mr. Shippey stated that the good kids would attend the meeting but the counter-culture skate boarders would probably not attend. He said that a meeting would definitely be set up before the Department would temporarily close the skate parks.

President Saltzgaver said he would like an update on why the lights are still not working at the Houghton Park skate park and asked if it could be made a priority.

Mr. Shippey said he would find out why Edison has not been able to repair the lights and respond back.

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

Commissioner Guerra stated that the Committee met this morning and that he would be contacting Mr. Hester to discuss the broad goals of the Committee. He said that he walked through the El Dorado Community Center and did not see any customer comment cards.

Mr. Shippey responded that staff is instructed to keep the customer comment cards available.

Ms. Nixon-Joiner stated that they could have run out.

Commissioner Livingstone stated that he did not see any customer comment cards at the El Dorado golf course or in the restaurant.

Mr. Shippey responded that he would look into replacing the customer comment cards.

E. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS COMMITTEE  
Vice President Satariano, Chair

President Saltzgaver stated that the Committee did not meet. He asked if Mr. Eschen could discuss the acquisition of a five-acre parcel of land from MTA.

Mr. Eschen stated that on August 15, the City Council approved an acquisition of five acres of land from MTA, just off of 7<sup>th</sup> Street by the Los Angeles River. MTA will be leasing the property back while they are cleaning the site of hazardous material.

President Saltzgaver stated that the Ed "Pops" Davenport Park opening would be held on August 26.

F. CITY SCHOOLS/JOINT COMMITTEE  
Commissioner Tong Sangmeister, Chair

President Saltzgaver stated that the Committee did not meet.

G. SPECIAL EVENTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE  
Commissioner Livingstone, Chair

Commissioner Livingstone stated that he believes they would meet next month.

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

A. DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT – JULY 2006

President Saltzgaver asked for any questions on the monthly report. There were none.

**IX. CORRESPONDENCE**

President Saltzgaver stated that there was no correspondence received.

**X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

President Saltzgaver stated there was no unfinished business this month.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

President Saltzgaver stated that there was no new business this month. He said that the park tour should be scheduled soon.

**XII. COMMENTS**

A. AUDIENCE

President Saltzgaver asked for comments from the audience. There were no comments from the audience.

B. STAFF

President Saltzgaver asked for comments from the staff.

Ms. Nixon-Joiner thanked the Commissioners who came out to the Baseball and Softball Hall of Fame. It was a wonderful ceremony.

Commissioner Livingstone suggested that next year a Hall of Fame fundraiser be held, possibly allowing the public to purchase a ticket to attend the lunch so they can mingle with the Hall of Fame inductees and their families.

Commissioner Livingstone recommended that next year the inductees stand next to their plaque, as it is unveiled.

Mr. Shippey stated that the Mayor's Trophy Golf Tournament would be held on August 18, to benefit the Junior Golf program. The Department would like to bring golf programs to youth all over the city.

C. COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Guerra stated that the mobile skate park would be coming to the California Heights area, due to a request of a young man who wrote a letter to Mr. Hester. There are no parks near the area.

President Saltzgaver suggested that the Department do some public relations on the mobile skate park program.

President Saltzgaver said that there was a very nice and lengthy story in the Los Angeles Times on the Long Beach Municipal Band. He stated that it was too bad it did not mention the Department.

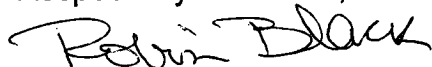
**XIII. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 21, 2006, at El Dorado Park West, in the Senior Center Library, 2800 Studebaker Road, Long Beach.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

President Saltzgaver adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

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  
AUGUST 17, 2006

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 August 17, 2006.

The meeting was called to order at 9:16 a.m. by President Conley.

PRESENT:	Stephen T. Conley	Commissioner
	Frank Clarke	Commissioner
	Lillian Y. Kawasaki	Commissioner
	Helen Z. Hansen	Commissioner
	Donna Gwin	Senior 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
	Ryan J. Alsop	Director, Government & Public Affairs
	Matthew P. Lyons	Director, Planning & Conservation
	Paul T. Fujita	Director of Finance
	Isaac C. Pai	Director of Engineering
	K. Eric Leung	Director of Water Resources
	Robert Swain	Division Engineer
	Melissa L. Keyes	Administrative Analyst II/Special Projects Coordinator
	Juan Garza	Administrative Analyst I
	Dynna Long	Senior Secretary
	Patricia A. Robinson	Administrative Analyst II
ABSENT:	William B. Townsend	Commissioner (Excused)
	B. Anatole Falagan	Excused

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Patricia Robinson led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Conley opened the public comment period.

Douglas Frankenfeld addressed the Board announcing his candidacy for the Water Replenishment District, Division 3.

The public comment period was closed.



### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

July 27, 2006

Upon motion by Commissioner Hansen, seconded by Commissioner Clarke, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 27, 2006 were approved.

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

- **Stephen T. Conley, President, Board of Water Commissioners**

#### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING SECRETARY

President Conley appointed Commissioner Kawasaki as Acting Secretary for the Board meeting of August 17, 2006 in the absence of Secretary, Commissioner Townsend.

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

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

Mr. Wattier provided the following report to the Board:

#### ASSOCIATION OF METROPOLITAN WATER AGENCIES' AWARD

Mr. Wattier advised the Board that he had just been notified that the LBWD had won the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies' 2006 Gold Award of Competitiveness Achievement, and reported this award would be made at their upcoming conference October 17, 2006 in Charleston, South Carolina. He reported that Isaac Pai and his staff had put together the application for this winning award. He advised this award is recognition that the LBWD has made remarkable efforts to compete in a highly challenging and constantly changing environment, and has done so over a sustained period of time.

#### INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (IRWMP)

Mr. Wattier reviewed with the Board a copy of a letter dated August 10, 2006, from Richard Powers, Executive Director of Gateway Cities Council of Government (COG) sent to the County of Los Angeles regarding the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan development for the Greater Los Angeles County Region. Mr. Wattier pointed out that the COG advised the County in this letter that they could not support the Memorandum of Understanding for IRWMP, and the COG would be moving forward to develop a separate IRWMP for the Southeast Los Angeles County Region. Mr. Wattier advised the Board that staff was working with the various agencies regarding this controversial issue, and advised the Board that City Manager, Jerry Miller and Assistant City Manager, Chris Shippey are aware of this situation. Mr. Wattier reported that he would keep the Board updated on this situation.

**6. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

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

Donna Gwin reported that the Acting General Counsel for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California had advised their Board of Directors that the recent California Supreme Court case, Bighorn Desert View Water Agency vs. Virgil, does not apply to MWD because it is a wholesaler of water.

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

It was moved by Commissioner Kawasaki and seconded by Commissioner Hansen, that the Board approve Consent Calendar Items 7a., 7b., 7c., 7d., 7e., 7f., 7g., 7h., 7i., 7j., and 7k.

**7a. Approval of Transfer of Funds by Journal Entry Dated August 17, 2006**

Transfers No. 218 through No. 219 in the total amount of \$1,670.00, covering the Water Revenue Fund, was submitted to the Board for approval.

**7b. Receive and File the List of Vendor Payments for the months of June & July 2006**

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

**7c. Approval of Retirement Order No. RO-6072 for Items that have Become Obsolete or Unrepairable During the Current Year**

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

Action:

- Approve retirement of the items listed and that they be removed from the Department's records and sold at auction.

**7d. Authorize the General Manager to Execute an Agreement with Lee & Ro, Inc., to Provide Construction Management and Inspection Services for the Recycled Water Conversion of Bluff Park, Bixby Park, and Stearns Park, and Norwalk/Artesia Emergency Inter-tie projects in an Amount not to exceed \$234,837**

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

Action:

- Authorize the General Manager to Execute an Agreement with Lee & Ro, Inc., to Provide Construction Management and Inspection Services for the Recycled Water Conversion of Bluff Park, Bixby Park, and Stearns Park, and Norwalk/Artesia Emergency Inter-tie projects in an Amount not to exceed \$234,837

- 7e. Adopt Specifications WD-03-06 for the Cast Iron Main Replacement – Artesia Boulevard, Phase One Project and authorize the General Manager to sign a construction contract with J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc., in the amount of \$2,387,658**

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

Action:

- Adopt Specifications WD-03-06 for the Cast Iron Main Replacement – Artesia Boulevard, Phase One Project and authorize the General Manager to sign a construction contract with J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc., in the amount of \$2,387,658

- 7f. Authorize the General Manager to Execute Second Amendment to Agreement WD-2662 with Neptune Technology Group, Inc. (Neptune) to Extend Contract for one (1) year to Furnish and Deliver Water Meters in an amount not to exceed \$411,677.00 for Extended Contract Period**

A communication was presented to the Board from Robert C. Cheng, which is on file at the Long Beach Water Department.

Action:

Authorize the General Manager to Execute Second Amendment to Agreement WD-2662 with Neptune Technology Group, Inc. (Neptune) to Extend Contract for one (1) year to Furnish and Deliver Water Meters in an amount not to exceed \$411,677.00 for Extended Contract Period

- 7g. Authorize the General Manager to Execute First Amendment to Agreement WD-2709 with Chandler's Sand and Gravel LLC (Chandler's) to Extend Contract for one (1) year to Provide Landfill Site for Disposal for an amount not to exceed \$375,000.00 for the Extended Contract Period**

A communication was presented to the Board from Robert C. Cheng, which is on file at the Long Beach Water Department.

Action:

Authorize the General Manager to Execute First Amendment to Agreement WD-2709 with Chandler's Sand and Gravel LLC (Chandler's) to Extend Contract for one (1) year to Provide Landfill Site for Disposal for an amount not to exceed \$375,000.00 for the Extended Contract Period

- 7h. Authorize the General Manager to Execute Second Amendment to Agreement WD-2665 with American AVK Company to Extend Contract for one (1) year to Furnish and Deliver Ductile Iron Pipe and related Materials; Fittings for Ductile Iron Pipe and Resilient Seated Gate Valves for an amount not to exceed \$114,306.00 for the Extended Contract Period**

A communication was presented to the Board from Robert C. Cheng, which is on file at the Long Beach Water Department.

Action:

Authorize the General Manager to Execute Second Amendment to Agreement WD-2665 with American AVK Company to Extend Contract for one (1) year to Furnish and Deliver Ductile Iron Pipe and related Materials; Fittings for Ductile Iron Pipe and Resilient Seated Gate Valves for an amount not to exceed \$114,306.00 for the Extended Contract Period

- 7i. Authorize the General Manager to Execute Second Amendment to Agreement WD-2661 with Badger Meter, Inc. for one (1) year to Furnish and Deliver Water Meters for an amount not to exceed \$53,595.00 for the Extended Contract Period**

A communication was presented to the Board from Robert C. Cheng, which is on file at the Long Beach Water Department.

Action:

Authorize the General Manager to Execute Second Amendment to Agreement WD-2661 with Badger Meter, Inc. for one (1) year to Furnish and Deliver Water Meters for an amount not to exceed \$53,595.00 for the Extended Contract Period

- 7j. Authorize the General Manager to Execute Fourth Amendment to Agreement WD-2659 with F. M. Thomas Air Conditioning, Inc. for Providing Air Conditioning Maintenance and Repair Service for one year at existing prices, at an amount not to Exceed \$125,852.00 for the Extended Contract Period**

A communication was presented to the Board from Robert C. Cheng, which is on file at the Long Beach Water Department.

Action:

Authorize the General Manager to Execute Fourth Amendment to Agreement WD-2659 with F. M. Thomas Air Conditioning, Inc. for Providing Air Conditioning Maintenance and Repair Service for one year at existing prices, at an amount not to Exceed \$125,852.00 for the Extended Contract Period

- 7k. **Authorize the General Manager to sign a User Agreement with Long Beach Unified School District to be served by the Recycled Water System Expansion Phase 2 Project (REX-0137) for a Term of 10 Years, and Authorize the General Manager to Execute Amendments Extending the Term**

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

Action:

Authorize the General Manager to sign a User Agreement with Long Beach Unified School District to be served by the Recycled Water System Expansion Phase 2 Project (REX-0137) for a Term of 10 Years, and Authorize the General Manager to Execute Amendments Extending the Term

President Conley called for the vote.

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>STEPHEN CONLEY, FRANK CLARKE,</u> <u>LILLIAN KAWASAKI, HELEN HANSEN</u>
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>NONE</u>
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>WILLIAM TOWNSEND</u>
ABSTAIN:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>NONE</u>

Motion was carried unanimously.

8. **Rescind Resolution No. WD-1214 (adopted July 13, 2006) and Adopt Resolution No. WD-1217, A Resolution of the Board of Water Commissioners Adopting a revised Annual Budget for the Long Beach Water Department for Fiscal Year 2006-2007, and Authorize Staff to Transmit the Resolution and the Budget to the City Manager, Mayor and City Council**
- **Kevin L. Wattier, General Manager**

President Conley reported to the Board that today's budget and rate presentations are a culmination of several previous budget and rate workshops where the Board reviewed the details of each area of expense. He reminded the Board that in some cases they had modified the proposed numbers, and in others they had been accepted.

He further reported that this well laid out plan led to a budget recommendation that was approved by the Board on July 13, 2006. Additionally, he advised that uncontrollable expenses of the Long Beach Water Department increased substantially in the areas of imported water (MWD), pumping fees (WRD), electric fees (Southern California Edison), cost of chemicals (various vendors), pension/benefit costs (City of Long Beach) and construction costs (various vendors). He reminded the Board that the Long Beach Water Department has held its personnel level flat in the face of increased demands in order to minimize the effect of this increase in costs to the rate payers. He advised the budget proposal to the City Council reflects the result of strong management control.

Mr. Paul Fujita made a presentation to the Board, and explained that due to the recent California Supreme Court Hearing in the case of Bighorn Desert View Water Agency vs. Virgil the Board might consider making changes to the department budget that was previously adopted on July 13, 2006.

Commissioner Hansen inquired about the recent changes to MOUs between the City and the Long Beach Water Department. Mr. Wattier explained these changes had been revenue neutral to the City. He further explained that the proposed sewer pipeline fee would necessitate a Municipal Code change by the City Council. Commissioner Hansen inquired how long the sewer pipeline fee would be in effect. Mr. Wattier responded this would be an annual fee after the current year, and would be incorporated into the Municipal Code.

Mr. Wattier reviewed a chart with the Board that showed the FY 2007 budgeted grant proceeds. Commissioner Kawasaki commented on the chart and complimented staff on preparing such a comprehensive report in response to her previous request for this information.

Ms. Gwin advised the Board of the necessity to add language to the previously prepared City Council Budget and Rate resolutions that now included the requirement of holding a Public Hearing on any proposed rate increases. She advised the Board that these documents were included in their agenda packets for review.

There was general discussion about this agenda item.

President Conley called for a motion, and none was made. No action was taken on Item 8.

9. **Rescind Resolution No. WD-1213 and Adopt Resolution No. WD-1218 of the Board of Water Commissioners Fixing Rates and Charges for Water and Sewer Services to All Customers, Subject to the Approval of the City Council by Ordinance**
- **Kevin L. Wattier, General Manager**

Mr. Wattier advised the Board that due to the recent California Supreme Court ruling, it was necessary to rescind the previously adopted Rate Resolution to add language requiring a Public Hearing, and to change the effective date of this rate increase from October 1, 2006 to November 1, 2006.

There was general discussion regarding this agenda item.

It was moved by Commissioner Clarke and seconded by Commissioner Hansen to amend Resolution No. WD-1213 to change the effective date of the rate increase from October 1, 2006 to November 1, 2006.

After discussion by the Commission, and on advice from the Senior Deputy City Attorney, Donna Gwin, Commissioner Clarke amended his motion and moved to adopt Resolution No. WD-1219 which amends Resolution No. WD-1213, changing the effective date of the rates from October 1, 2006 to November 1, 2006. Commissioner Hansen seconded this motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>STEPHEN CONLEY, FRANK CLARKE,</u> <u>LILLIAN KAWASAKI, HELEN HANSEN</u>
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>NONE</u>
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>WILLIAM TOWNSEND</u>
ABSTAIN:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>NONE</u>

10. **LEGISLATIVE ISSUES/ACTIONS/BILLS**
- **Ryan J. Alsop, Director, Government & Public Affairs**

LEGISLATIVE INSPECTION TRIP

Mr. Alsop reported on the recent legislative inspection trip held August 11, 2006. He advised he had received very positive feed-back from the legislative staff regarding their tour. Mr. Alsop thanked President Conley and Commissioner Clarke for their attendance and comments made at the luncheon session.

### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR INTERVIEW

Mr. Alsop advised that a reporter from the *Christian Science Monitor* would be coming to take a tour of the Desal project today, and would be writing an article that would be included in a series of articles they had been reporting on earmark projects.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED RATE INCREASES

Mr. Alsop reviewed the proposed Notice of Public Hearing for the October 12, 2006 hearing, and noted comments/changes from the Board to be included in the final notice.

Commissioner Kawasaki commented on the educational/communication component regarding the upcoming Public Hearing. Ryan advised that staff is working through the various media outlets; the Chamber of Commerce; briefings with councilmembers and "Did You Know" ads in the *Press Telegram* to educate the public. He also reminded the Board that an Editorial Board event has been scheduled for August 23, 2006 that might lead to further press coverage.

11. **REPORT OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT (MWD) BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 15, 2006**

- **Helen Z. Hansen, MWD Director**

Commissioner Hansen in her capacity as the City of Long Beach MWD Director provided the following report of the MWD Board of Director's meeting of August 15, 2006:

#### CONSERVATION PROGRAM

The board further expanded the number of devices eligible for rebates under Metropolitan's conservation program. Among the new items – rotating sprinkler nozzles for pop-up spray heads that save up to 6,600 gallons over five years, and retrofitted steam sterilizers used in hospitals and research labs that conserve more than 400,000 gallons per year. In addition to a new incentive to provide commercial landscape surveys, the change upgrades the incentives for zero-water and high-efficiency urinals in new commercial construction. Overall, the changes are expected to save 8,200 acre-feet of water over the life of the program, at a cost of \$131 per acre-foot. (Agenda Item 7-5)

#### DIAMOND VALLEY LAKE RECREATION

The board authorized entering into discussions with Shea/Parsons/LEDO for the Diamond Valley Lake Recreation and Land Development Program in connection with the development of approximately 731 acres to the north of the Hemet reservoir. The board also voted to terminate the exclusive negotiating agreement with Shopoff/Centex at the latter's request. When analyzing the new partnership, staff concluded that the withdrawal of Lewis Operating Co. will not affect the



proposal's viability because remaining partner J.F. Shea Co. remains individually qualified to undertake the project. Staff expects to return to the board in September with a proposed exclusive negotiating agreement that would cover issues as a preliminary master plan, financial feasibility analysis, financing, infrastructure, cost estimates and marketing strategy. (Agenda Item 8-1)

### **WATER BONDS**

The board authorized the sale of up to \$500 million of Water Revenue Bonds that will help finance roughly \$1.13 billion of Capital Investment Plan construction costs for the Inland Feeder, plus water treatment plant projects that include the conversion to ozone disinfection. (Agenda Item 8-2)

### **EMINENT DOMAIN**

The board voted to express opposition to eminent domain reform proposals that include Proposition 90 and Senate Bills 1210 and 1650. In staff's view, such sweeping procedural and substantive changes to eminent domain law would drive up the cost of public infrastructure projects, force public agencies to pay legal fees for meritless property owner lawsuits, impose significant burdens on Metropolitan and trigger significant delays in Southern California water projects, while jeopardizing funds for legitimate public services such as schools, police, fire, and public utilities. (Agenda Item 8-9)

### **OTHER MWD BUSINESS**

In other business, the board:

Was informed that at this point, three directors have declared their candidacy for chairmanship of the Board of Directors: Timothy F. Brick (Pasadena), Gene Koopman (Inland Empire Utilities Agency) and Randy A. Record (Eastern Municipal Water District).

## **12. NEW BUSINESS**

### **POSSIBLE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2006**

President Conley mentioned the possibility of holding a meeting on September 27, 2006 for election of officers. It was recommended that the September board calendar be reviewed at the upcoming August 24, 2006 Committee of the Whole and a determination be made at that meeting.

#### UPCOMING MAYOR/COUNCIL BRIEFINGS

President Conley commented on LBWD conservation efforts and requested that a conservation component be included in the upcoming budget briefings with the Mayor and Council.

#### AUGUST 23, 2006 EDITORIAL BOARD

President Conley commented on the upcoming Editorial Board meeting to be held on August 23, 2006, and invited the Commissioners to join him at the luncheon session being held at the Treatment Plant.

#### UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARING ON RATE INCREASES

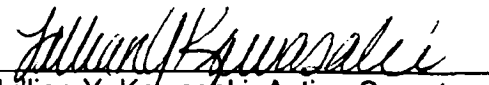
Commissioner Clarke advised staff that it was very important to prepare for the upcoming Public Hearing, and possibly use a PowerPoint presentation to educate the public regarding the reasoning behind the proposed rate increases.

#### LONG BEACH WATER DEPARTMENT PARTNERSHIP WITH THE AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC

Commissioner Clarke expressed surprise that the LBWD had not been more aggressively publicizing their partnership with the Aquarium of the Pacific regarding water conservation efforts. Mr. Wattier responded that staff would work with the Board and the President to agendaize this item for discussion at a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Conley adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Water Commission to be held on Thursday, September 7, 2006, at 9:15 a.m., in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 1800 E. Wardlow, in Long Beach, California.

  
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Lillian Y. Kawasaki, Acting Secretary

Attest:

  
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Frank Clarke, Acting President