

**LONG BEACH CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
F. PHIL INFELISE, PRESIDENT  
MAY 11, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Civil Service Commission was held at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 11, 2011, in the Board Room of the Commission, 333 West Ocean Boulevard, Seventh Floor, Long Beach, California.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** F. Phil Infelise, Jeanne Karatsu, Carolyn Smith Watts  
Charles Hicks Jr., Gerald Good

**MEMBER EXCUSED:**

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

**President F. Phil Infelise presided.**

**MINUTES:** It was moved by Commissioner Smith Watts, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of April 27, 2011, be approved as prepared. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Smith Watts, seconded by Commissioner Good and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of May 4, 2011, be approved as prepared. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Good, seconded by Commissioner Smith Watts and carried that Suspension Appeal 24-S-89 hearing minutes of April 20 & 27, 2011, be approved as prepared. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**CONSENT CALENDAR (2-8):** It was moved by Commissioner Good, seconded by Commissioner Smith Watts and carried that the Consent Calendar items be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**EXAMINATION RESULTS:**

Request to approve examination results.

Electrician - 5 Applied, 5 Qualified  
Hazardous Materials Specialist – 33 Applied, 23 Qualified  
Refuse Operator – 182 Applied, 36 Qualified

**The motion was made to approve request on Consent Calendar.**

**RETIREMENT:**

Request to receive and file retirement.

Gregory Bowe/General Maintenance Assistant/Parks

**The motion was made to receive and file on Consent Calendar.**

**DISABILITY RETIREMENT:**

Request to receive and file disability retirement.

David Strong/Police Officer/Police

**The motion was made to receive and file on Consent Calendar.**

**RESIGNATION:**

Request to receive and file resignation.

Erik Alvarez/Police Officer/Police

**The motion was made to receive and file on Consent Calendar.**

**TRANSFER:**

Request to approve transfer.

Brett Yakus/Customer Service Representative III/Long Beach Gas and Oil to Customer Service Representative III Financial Management

**The motion was made to approve transfer on Consent Calendar.**

**SCHEDULE FOR HEARINGS:**

Request to approve hearing schedule.

Suspension Hearing (30-S-89), May 25, 2011  
Dismissal Hearing (06-D-1011), June 1, 2011  
Suspension Hearing (32-S-910), June 8, 2011  
Suspension Hearing (29-S-910), June 15, 2011  
Suspension Hearing (14-S-1011), June 22, 2011

**The motion was made to approve hearing schedule on Consent Calendar.**

**RESCHEDULE FOR HEARINGS:**

Request to approve reschedule for hearings.

Suspension Hearing (35-S-910), June 14, 2011

Reduction Hearing (29-R-89), June 30, 2011

**The motion was made to approve the reschedule for hearings.**

**COMMUNICATION REGARDING  
SELECTION FOR PARK  
MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR:**

The Secretary presented a communication from Eric Stewart, regarding his concerns about the selection process for an opening in the Water Department. In addition, the Secretary presented a staff report prepared by him. Mr. Stewart addressed the Commission, regarding the request for additional names from the Water Department, why was the C Band interviewed, and why a selection was not made from the five candidates in Bands A and B. Ken Bott, Administrative Officer, Water Department, addressed the Commission regarding this matter, stating that the Water Department selects a panel to interview candidates for the position in the Water Department with a list of questions to be asked of each candidate. He stated that the panel rates each candidate. He stated that after interviewing Bands A and B, the Water Department did not find candidates that best met the criteria they were looking for and they provided dispositions of those interviews to the Civil Service Department and requested Band C. He stated that the Civil Service examination process, which was an Oral interview questions, were position specific and that the Water Department's interview questions were job specific. The Commission questioned Mr. Bott as to the reasons for the not selected candidates. Due to the confidentiality of the information requested, the Secretary requested the Commission recess the hearing to a Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code 54957.8. It was moved by Commissioner Good, seconded by Commissioner Hicks to recess the meeting to a Closed Session for further discussion. After discussion President Infelise reconvened the meeting. It was moved by Commissioner Good, seconded by Commissioner Hicks and carried to receive and file Mr. Stewart's communication and requested that Mr. Bott schedule a meeting with Mr. Stewart to discuss his interview. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**CONSIDERATION OF HEARING  
OFFICER'S REPORT:**

**SUSPENSION HEARING (26-S-910)**

The Secretary requested that this item be considered in Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code 54957.8. The Secretary presented a report prepared by Hearing Officer Joe Gentile, Attorney at Law, to the Commission, regarding the subject hearing which was conducted on April 15, 2011. In addition, the Secretary presented an Objection to the Hearing Officer's Report prepared by Michael Peters, Attorney at Law. President Infelise reconvened the regular meeting and announced the following decision. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Good, seconded by Commissioner Hicks and carried that the hearing officer's report be overturned, and not to sustain the charge, and dismiss the penalty. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYE: Charles Hicks Jr.  
Jeanne Karatsu  
Gerald Good  
F. Phil Infelise

NAY: Carolyn Smith Watts

**REQUEST TO WITHDRAW  
APPEAL:**

The Secretary presented a request to withdraw the appeal regarding Suspension Hearing 14-S-910. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Karatsu, seconded by Commissioner Smith Watts and carried to receive and file the request to withdraw appeal. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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



MARIO R. BEAS  
Secretary

MRB:meh

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
APRIL 21, 2011**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Brett Waterfield, President, at 9:05 a.m., at the Aquarium of the Pacific in the Watershed Classroom. George Chapjian, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine, took roll call and confirmed a quorum.

**Present:** Brett Waterfield, President  
Sarah Sangmeister, Vice President  
Ron Antonette  
Simon George  
Albert Guerra  
Harry Saltzgaver  
Drew Satariano

**Absent:** None

**Staff:** George Chapjian, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine  
Ramon Arevalo, Manager, Maintenance Operations  
Sandra Gonzalez, Manager, Planning and Development  
Gladys Kaiser, Manager, Community Recreation Services  
Bob Livingstone, Superintendent of Golf and Contract Compliance  
Ken Campbell, Superintendent, Personnel and Training  
Hurley Owens, Superintendent of Marine Maintenance  
Cory Forrester, Interim Superintendent of Facility Maintenance  
Theresa Maceyka, Superintendent of Grounds Maintenance  
Anna Mendiola, Park Development Officer  
Robin Black, Executive Assistant to the Director

**Guests:** Jerry Schubel, President and CEO, Aquarium of the Pacific  
Barbara Long, Aquarium of the Pacific  
Joan Macomber, Pegasus  
Darren Hansen  
Sgt. Spigner  
Sgt. Dennis Sullivan  
Sgt. Bill Money

President Waterfield welcomed Jerry Schubel.

Mr. Schubel welcomed the Parks and Recreation Commission to the Aquarium. He mentioned that the Aquarium sits on park land and looks forward to a long partnership with the Department. He described expanding and enhancing their plaza.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 17, 2011**

**It was moved by Vice President Sangmeister and seconded by Commissioner George to approve the March 17, 2011 Parks and Recreation Commission minutes. The motion carried unanimously.**

**III. COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS**

**#11-0401**

Recommendation to authorize the Director, or his or her management designee to execute the Personal Services and Instruction Agreements and amend Attachment "A" of the agreements as needed.

**It was moved by Commissioner Saltzgaver and seconded by Commissioner George to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.**

**#11-0402**

Recommendation to approve the placement and installation of a memorial bench at Bluff Park to honor Mona Achong Herzstein.

**It was moved by Commissioner Satariano and seconded by Vice President Sangmeister to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.**

**#11-0403**

Recommendation to approve the placement and installation of a memorial bench at Marina Vista Park to honor Mary Huntley.

**It was moved by Commissioner Saltzgaver and seconded by Commissioner George to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.**

**IV. COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS**

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

President Waterfield reported the Committee did not meet but they reviewed the agenda. We have the parks tour tomorrow and we will discuss that later.

B. FINANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE  
Commissioner Satariano, Chair

Commissioner Satariano reported that the Committee met earlier this month and discussed the mid-fiscal year budget reduction. He reminded the Commissioners that the financial statement is in the packet and that we are 50% through the fiscal year.

Commissioner Saltzgaver asked when that might go to City Council?

Mr. Chapjian responded within the next month to month and a half.

C. PARK SAFETY COMMITTEE  
Commissioner Saltzgaver, Chair

Commissioner Saltzgaver reported that the Committee did not meet this month. He said the Park Ranger Statistics are in the package.

D. MARKETING AND CUSTOMER SERVICE COMMITTEE  
Commissioner Guerra, Chair

Commissioner Guerra reported that the Committee did not meet.

E. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE  
Vice President Sangmeister, Chair

Vice President Sangmeister reported that the Committee met today and spent most of the time talking about proposed median landscape conversions. It was a very good discussion. We are not ready to go to community meetings yet. We would like someone from the Water Board to discuss cost benefits first. Tomorrow is the park tour. She requested that Sandra Gonzalez distribute the tour agenda. They also have an update of the current construction projects.

Ms. Gonzalez reminded the Commissioners that they would be meeting at the Nature Center tomorrow at 8:00 a.m. for the tour.

Mr. Arevalo stated that if the Commissioners need to leave early, to just let him know and he could get them back to their car.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said he is going to have to leave at 11:30 a.m.

Ms. Gonzalez reported that the Department submitted a grant for the Nature Center, but we did not get it. There were 300 submittals and they gave out 44 grants. The Aquarium did not get their grant either.

F. SPECIAL EVENTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE  
Commissioner Satariano, Chair

Commissioner Satariano said that the Committee has been in abeyance for a few months and will stay on the sidelines until the retreat. We will look to re-form the Committee during the year to address any additional issues. If we decide not to have our retreat, we should probably brainstorm about this committee.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said it is important to move forward with this. He would like to see staff come forward with what they think is necessary, if they think it is necessary, even if it is as a liaison for events in the park. If we could have some kind of redefinition of the committee it would be helpful.

President Waterfield asked how the planning is going for the summer?

Ms. Gladys Kaiser responded that they are working to get marketing out there about the day camps and show the community what we do. Literature should be coming out shortly. We are aiming for May. Literature has already been sent to schools. Parents are looking for something for their kids to do, which falls in with our Stay and Play in Long Beach and 100 Days of Summer programs.

Commissioner Saltzgaver stated that we no longer have a Joint Use Committee with the School District. It would make sense to fall under this umbrella.

President Waterfield said we have had some conversations about revisiting the school relationship. That would be another topic at the retreat. We should look at retreat dates now.

Mr. Chapjian stated that he is doing final interviews for the Business Operations Bureau Manager next week, so we could start planning dates for the retreat now.



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

- A. Recommendation to receive and file the Director's Monthly Highlights Report for March 2011.

Commissioner Antonette asked about who reads this document?

Ms. Black mentioned that it is posted on our website.

Ms. Kaiser responded that if we get calls from residents asking for it, it is mailed to them.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said to go look at the playground. Anna did a great job designing it.

**It was moved by Commissioner Antonette and seconded by Commissioner Satariano to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.**

**VI. CORRESPONDENCE**

President Waterfield said there was no correspondence.

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

President Waterfield said there was no unfinished business.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Recommendation to approve the 2010 Parks and Recreation Commission Annual Report and authorize the Director to forward it to the City Council.

Commissioner Saltzgaver asked why Rotary Park was on the cover? He said it would be more appropriate if the cover would be changed to reflect a park that was worked on during 2010.

It was agreed that the cover photo would be changed for the final report.

**It was moved by Commissioner Guerra and seconded by Vice President Sangmeister to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.**

- B. Recommendation to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute all documents necessary for a non-exclusive permit for the operation of a horse-drawn carriage and wagon ride business in El Dorado East Regional Park, Area III, with Joan Macomber, dba Pegasus Horse Carriage, for a term of one year, from May 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012, with one, one-year renewal option.

Mr. Bob Livingstone reported that Ms. Joan Macomber approached the Department to provide a horse drawn carriage service in El Dorado East Regional Park, Area III, behind the pistol range. The Department is not going to incur any costs for maintenance. They would like to do this year-round on weekends and when school is out. If there would be a large event in the park, we could cancel this. The park rangers have been involved. They like it because it would slow down the cars. We would have a minimum guarantee of \$1,000.

Commissioner Guerra asked how this business would be advertised?

Ms. Macomber said that Leslie recommended banners or that they have ads placed in the Department's class schedule and also in the Press Telegram or Beachcomber. She said she is getting two to four calls a week about this. Ms. Macomber said she could bring the carriage into the park and people could rent a site and use her for their picnics. The community would enjoy this and it seems like it would be a lucrative business.

Mr. Livingstone stated that if it is approved, we will put it on our website.

Commissioner Saltzgaver asked where the horse would be stabled?

Ms. Macomber responded that they are stabled at B and B Stables in Cerritos.

Mr. Livingstone said they would bring the horses in by the pistol range and unload them under the trees.

Mr. Chapjian asked how much heat the horses could take?

Mr. Livingstone responded that they don't bring the horses out if it is 92 degrees or hotter.

Commissioner Guerra asked if this becomes really popular and if we get other operators who want to do this, are we setting a precedent?

Mr. Livingstone responded that this is a non-exclusive permit. If this happened, we would go to a bid process. Next month will be a bike rental and food concession coming to the Commission for one year in Area II. If someone comes in during that time for the same thing, we would go out to bid.

Ms. Macomber stated that Larry's Ponies used to be in the park and charged \$400 per hour with a minimum of two hours. She said that she would let anyone in the park have a ride.

Commissioner Guerra asked if there is anywhere in El Dorado that you do not want them to go to?

Mr. Livingstone responded that they would only be allowed in Area III.

**It was moved by Vice President Sangmeister and seconded by Commissioner Satariano to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.**

President Waterfield introduced Sgt. Spigner, who was here to give a special commendation to Sara Murillo.

Sgt. Spigner introduced himself as the graveyard sergeant for Marine Patrol. He also introduced Sgt. Dennis Sullivan and Sgt. Bill Money. They are here to commend Sara Murillo. She is currently the custodian of 205 Marina Drive and always has a big smile on her face. Her work ethic is commendable and she goes above and beyond to make sure we are having a good day. We would like to thank her for that.

Mr. Arevalo said that Sara has been with the Department for ten years. She used to work at the administration office and we moved custodians to the marinas due to funding. It goes to show what an amazing worker she is. Sgt. Sullivan came in on his day off to thank Sara. Mr. Arevalo thanked her for doing a great job.

Ms. Murillo responded that this was so nice. She said she was speechless.

President Waterfield thanked the sergeants for coming down and taking the time to commend Sara.

**IX. COMMENTS**

**A. AUDIENCE**

President Waterfield asked for comments from the audience. There were none.

**B. STAFF**

President Waterfield asked for comments from staff.

Ms. Kaiser said that we will have a packet for you. On May 26 we are holding the 100 Days of Summer kickoff with a concert in Marina Vista Park by a tribute Journey band. The end of 100 Days of Summer will be celebrated with a Justin Bieber movie at Blair Field.

Mr. Livingstone stated he met with Councilwoman Schipske's Lakes, Ponds and Wetlands Taskforce and we have revised the tree trimming policy and will take that to the Commission next month.

Mr. Arevalo introduced Cory Forrester as the new Interim Superintendent of Facility Maintenance. He has over 11 years with the Department and we are very excited to have him in this position.

Commissioner Satariano said that Cory comes from good Long Beach stock. His dad and his late uncle were lifeguards at the beach. He looks a lot like his dad.

Mr. Ken Campbell said that we are doing summer hiring now. He wanted to let everyone know that Sarah Murillo received an official Police Department commendation signed by the Chief.

Mr. Hurley Owens said that Sara is truly an amazing individual. She represents our department like no other. It is an honor to have her working for us and see her accept this commendation.

Ms. Theresa Maceyka said Sara is just wonderful. We want to have her in all our areas. She is just wonderful.

**C. COMMISSIONERS**

President Waterfield asked for comments from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Satariano said that since 1959, he has had a boat in the marina. Maintenance is very sensitive there. Boat owners don't understand budget cuts. I see Sara all the time and she is the primary ambassador for the Department. When a boat owner is grumpy, she is always smiling and it goes a long way. She takes the edge off the grumpy boat owners.

**X. NEXT MEETING**

President Waterfield stated that the next meeting would be held at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, May 19, 2011, at the El Dorado Park West Community Center, in the Senior Center Library, 2800 N. Studebaker Road, Long Beach, California.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Black  
Executive Assistant to the Director

c: George Chapjian, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine

MINUTES  
 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
 LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA  
 APRIL 21, 2011

The Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Long Beach met in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 1800 E. Wardlow Road, Long Beach, California, on April 21, 2011.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by President Dallman. She noted that Kevin Wattier, General Manager was absent due to his vacation, and that Dr. Robert Cheng, Deputy General Manager – Business would preside at today’s board meeting.

PRESENT:	Suzanne Dallman Frank Clarke William B. Townsend John Allen Paul Blanco Charles Parkin Sandra L. Fox  Robert C. Cheng Paul T. Fujita Matthew P. Lyons Eric Leung Robert Verceles Abelardo Rendon Stephen Gay  Melissa L. Keyes  Dynna Long Dilano Vasquez	Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner Principal Deputy City Attorney Secretary to the Board of Water Commissioners Deputy General Manager – Operations Director of Finance Director, Planning & Conservation Director of Engineering Division Engineer Division Engineer Manager of Security & Emergency Preparedness Administrative Analyst III/Special Projects Coordinator Office Administrator Long Beach Constituent
ABSENT:	Kevin L. Wattier B. Anatole Falagan	General Manager Deputy General Manager – Business

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Eric Leung led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Dallman opened the public comment period.

Mr. Dilano Vasquez commented on the high water charges at his residence related to a fire system required by the Fire Department due to the proximity of his home in relation to an oil well. Staff advised they would work with Mr. Vasquez to investigate his water service and related fees.

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

## **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**April 7, 2011**

Upon motion by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Townsend, the minutes of the meeting of April 7, 2011 were unanimously approved.

## **4. REVIEW BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2011**

- **Suzanne Dallman, President, Board of Water Commissioners**

The Board discussed the proposed meeting schedule for the month of May 2011.

The Board agreed to the following meeting schedule:

May 5, 2011                      Regular Meeting – 9:00 a.m.

May 19, 2011                     Regular Meeting – 9:00 a.m.

## **5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- **Suzanne Dallman, President, Board of Water Commissioners**

President Dallman reported that over the past weekend she had accompanied a group of CSULB students to the Owens Valley for a water-related field trip. She noted that the snow pack in this region was at 160% of normal, and commented that Los Angeles should have a good opportunity for higher than normal runoff conditions; and also commented on how this might affect Metropolitan Water District water sales.

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

- **Robert C. Cheng, Deputy General Manager - Operations**

**STATE WATER PROJECT ALLOCATION UPDATE**

Dr. Cheng reported the Department of Water Resources had announced on Wednesday, April 20, 2011 that they had increased the 2011 State Water Project (SWP) water allocation to 80 percent of contractors' requests, up 30 percent from last year's final allocation. He noted this was an increase over DWR's original 2011 estimate of 25 percent.

**SPECIAL METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT (MWD) BOARD MEETING**

Dr. Cheng advised the Board that the MWD had announced a special board meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2011 to discuss replenishment issues.

He also reported that large amounts of system water, with opportunities to move and store, were becoming significant. He advised that expectations were building that in April MWD would act to capitalize on this opportunity.

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

President Dallman asked if there were any questions or discussion regarding the Consent Calendar items.

Commissioner Townsend and Commissioner Allen advised they had questions related to Consent Calendar item 7c. Commissioner Allen also noted he had a question related to Consent Calendar item 7b.

It was moved by Commissioner Allen and seconded by Commissioner Blanco to approve Consent Calendar items 7a. through 7c.

Commissioner Townsend inquired what was wrong with the Administration building elevator. Dr. Cheng reported that the costs noted in Consent Calendar item 7c. were to bring the elevator up to current codes and operational capabilities.

Commissioner Allen asked why there was only one bid involved for the elevator repairs. Principal Deputy City Attorney Charles Parkin responded that the City of Long Beach has an ongoing maintenance contract and existing agreement with this vendor for elevator maintenance and repairs for city facilities so a normal bid process was not required.

Commissioner Allen inquired what language changes were being made to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the LBWD and the Port of Long Beach. Dr. Cheng noted that clarification was made related to labor charge reimbursements; a



termination clause was added, and additional language was added to add flexibility in recovery of costs. Principal Deputy City Attorney Charles Parkin restated that a key change in the language was to ensure the cost recovery process in the MOU.

Hearing no further questions, public comment or discussion, President Dallman called for the vote on Consent Items 7a. through 7c. These Consent Calendar items were unanimously approved.

**7a. Approval of Transfer of Funds by Journal Entry Dated April 21, 2011**

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

**7b. Authorize the General Manager to Sign Third Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding Between the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Long Beach Acting through the Long Beach Water Department (LBWD) and the Board of Harbor Commissioners Acting through The Port of Long Beach (POLB)**

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

**7c. Authorize the General Manager to Execute an Agreement with Excelsior Elevator to provide professional services to update the elevator system at LBWD's Administration Building (1800 E. Wardlow Road), in an amount not-to-exceed \$160,000.00**

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

**8. Approve the Water Availability Assessment Prepared for the Port of Long Beach Pier "S" Project Pursuant to California Water Code Section 10910(g)(1)**

- **Matthew P. Lyons, Director of Planning & Conservation**

Mr. Lyons provided a briefing on the requirements needed for the Long Beach Water Department (LBWD) to determine water availability for the proposed Port of Long Beach project at Pier "S". He reported that LBWD anticipated adequate water supplies would be available to meet the projected water demands associated with the proposed project, in addition to the existing and other planned future uses of the LBWD system.

It was moved by Commissioner Blanco and seconded by Commissioner Allen to approve the Water Availability Assessment Prepared for the Port of Long Beach Pier "S" Project Pursuant to California Water Code Section 10910(g)(1);

President Dallman asked if there were any questions, comments, or public comment regarding this agenda item. Hearing none she called for the vote. The item was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Clarke inquired if this project would be connected to the Port Water System. Mr. Lyons responded that yes it would be.

Commissioner Allen asked when the next Long Beach Water Department Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) was scheduled for adoption. Mr. Lyons reported the next LBWD UWMP was scheduled to be brought to the Board for adoption at a June 2011 board meeting, and would then be due to be submitted to the Department of Water Resources by July 1, 2011.

**9. Legislative/Public Affairs Issues**

- **Robert C. Cheng, Deputy General Manager - Operations**

Dr. Cheng provided the following report in the absence of Mr. Veeh:

- SB 701 – Central Basin Municipal Water District report, as introduced by Ron Calderon (D-Montebello) was scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Natural Resources Water Committee on April 26, 2011, but instead the author has removed the bill from the Committee agenda and he has indicated he does not intend to move the bill during this session. Dr. Cheng noted it is unclear whether the author will attempt to move the bill next year.
- AB 19 as introduced by Paul Fong (D-Cupertino) related to water meters for multiunit structures. Dr. Cheng advised LBWD staff plans to bring this agenda item to the Board in May to adopt a policy position.

**10. Report of the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) Board Meeting on March 8, 2011**

Dr. Cheng reported the following action that was taken at the MWD April 12, 2011 meeting:

- The board voted to discontinue their Water Supply Allocation Plan for 2011/12.
- The board voted to express their support for H.R. 470 (Heck, R-NV) – the Hoover Power Allocation Act of 2011. Dr. Cheng reminded the LBWD Board this was the same legislation they had taken a support position on at their March 10, 2011 board meeting.

- The MWD board planned on taking an opposed position on AB 954 (Charles Calderon, D-Whittier) – water replenishment districts, but since the author withdrew this bill no action was taken by the board.
- The board voted to express opposition to SB 701 (Ron Calderon, D-Montebello) – CBMWD report.

Commissioner Allen inquired how the cancellation of the MWD Water Supply Allocation Plan would affect the LBWD. Mr. Lyons advised staff was working on plans to recommend declaring an end to the LBWD Imminent Water Supply Shortage, and possibly recommending changes to the prohibited uses of water. He advised these actions would be brought to the Board at a future meeting.

Commissioner Townsend asked if MWD planned on continuing to support conservation programs. Mr. Lyons responded that MWD was finalizing its "Long-term Water Conservation Plan", a Plan which commits MWD to encourage an amount of new conservation and recycling equal to approximately 580,000 acre feet by the year 2020. MWD's budget for rebates and similar water conservation programs for the year beginning July 2011 is not finalized, but may be between approximately \$10 million to \$19.1 million.

President Dallman inquired if LADWP had taken any action to suspend water use prohibitions in response to the MWD cancellation of their Water Supply Allocation Plan. LBWD staff responded they were not aware at this time of any LADWP action regarding this matter.

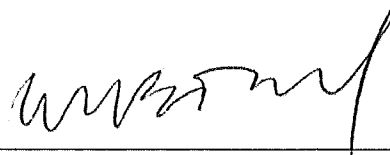
## **11. NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Blanco requested that staff agendaize a Board item to discuss the possibility of revising the Board meeting schedule to set board meetings to occur weekly.

Commissioner Clarke requested staff bring a status report to the Board on the following projects: 1) Alley Conversion Program; 2) Parks, Recreation and Marine Median Water Conservation Program; 3) Transfer of City Storm Drain Maintenance responsibility back to Public Works

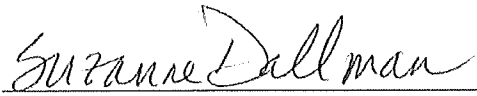
**12. ADJOURNMENT**

.There being no further business to come before the Board, President Dallman adjourned the meeting at 9:47 a.m. to the next regular meeting of the Water Commission to be held May 5, 2011, in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 1800 E. Wardlow, in Long Beach, California.



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William B. Townsend, Secretary

Attest:



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Suzanne Dallman, President