

**LONG BEACH CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
JEANNE KARATSU, PRESIDENT
OCTOBER 8, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Civil Service Commission was held at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 8, 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

MEMBER EXCUSED: Douglas Haubert

OTHERS PRESENT: Mario R. Beas, Executive Director & Secretary
Melinda George, Employment Services Officer
Marilyn Hall, Executive Assistant
Salvador Ambriz, Personnel Analyst
Diane Dzodin, Personnel Analyst
Debbie McCluster, Personnel Analyst
Caprice McDonald, 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 Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Saafir and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 1, 2008, be approved as prepared. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Islas, seconded by Commissioner Saafir and carried that Dismissal Appeal 19-D-67 hearing minutes of August 6 & 13, 2008 and September 10, 2008, be approved as amended. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

REAPPOINTMENT OF RESIGNED EMPLOYEE:

ROBERT PFINGSTHORN/PERSONNEL ANALYST

The Secretary presented a communication from Robert Pfingsthorn, requesting Commission approval for reappointment to his former classification of Personnel Analyst in the Civil Service Department. In addition, the Secretary presented a communication prepared by him. The Secretary briefed the Commission regarding this request. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Islas and carried that request for reappointment be approved pursuant to Section 45 of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

EXAMINATION RESULTS:

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

Animal Control Officer – 78 Applied, 8 Qualified
Aquatics Supervisor – 20 Applied, 7 Qualified
Civil Engineer – 12 Applied, 3 Qualified
Helicopter Mechanic – 5 Applied, 1 Qualified
Public Health Professional – 62 Applied, 5 Qualified
Senior Civil Engineer – 17 Applied, 13 Qualified
Supervisor Stores & Property – 46 Applied, 18 Qualified
Transportation Planner (Amended 8/20/08) – 46 Applied, 3 Qualified
Water Conservation Specialist – 4 Applied, 4 Qualified

EXTENSION OF EXPIRING ELIGIBLE LISTS:

It was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Saafir and carried that the following eligible lists be extended for an additional six months, with the exception of Plan Checker – Electrical, to be extended for one month. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Civil Engineer (4/9/08, 10/10/07, 10/24/07 & 4/23/08)
Department Librarian
General Librarian
Laboratory Assistant
Office Systems Analyst (4/9/08 & 4/30/08)
Petroleum Engineer
Plan Checker – Electrical (1 month)
Public Health Physician (4/9/08 & 4/30/08)
Senior Civil Engineer (4/11/07 & 4/30/08)
Senior Program Manager – Water
Survey Technician
Systems Technician (4/9/08, 4/16/08 & 4/30/08)
Traffic Engineer (10/10/07 & 4/30/08)
Traffic Engineering Associate (4/9/08 & 4/11/07)

RETIREMENT:

MARILYN EVANS/CLERK TYPIST/HARBOR

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

RESIGNATION:

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

David Walker/Library Clerk I/Library
Christopher Dunlap/Ambulance Operator/Fire
Rachel Katz/Administrative Analyst III/Financial
Management

MANAGERS' REPORT:

Melinda George, Employment Services Officer, provided the Commission with updated information regarding the Police Recruit examination. Staff has received over 1100 applications. She stated that staff conducted the second Police Recruit Orientation Workshop on Tuesday, October 7, 2008.

The Secretary informed the Commission that City Council would be considering the City Equal Employment Opportunity Program Plan at Tuesday, October 21, 2008, meeting. He stated that he would be present and report back to the Commission. He also informed the Commission that Sharon Hamilton would be moving to Donna de Araujo's desk for training and Ms. de Araujo would be assuming her new position as an Assistant Administrative Analyst, and that staff is in the process of interviewing for a Clerk Typist position for the Public Counter.

Commissioner Saafir questioned staff regarding charging job candidates for filing a job application. The Secretary stated that he would look into it and see if other surrounding cities are charging a fee to file job applications.

**REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S PERFORMANCE:**

The Commission held this item over to October 15, 2008. to allow Commissioner Haubert to be present.

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
OCTOBER 15, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Civil Service Commission was held at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 15, 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, Employment Services Officer
Marilyn Hall, Executive Assistant
Salvador Ambriz, Personnel Analyst
Debbie McCluster, Personnel Analyst
Caprice McDonald, Personnel Analyst
Lourdes Ferrer, Assistant Administrative Analyst
Ken Walker, Personnel Operations Manager, Human Resources

President Jeanne Karatsu presided.

MINUTES: It was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Islas and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 8, 2008, be approved as prepared. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Haubert, seconded by Commissioner Islas and carried that Dismissal Appeal 09-D-79 hearing minutes of September 10, 17 & 24, 2008, be approved as prepared. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**REQUEST TO EXTEND
NON-CAREER APPOINTMENT:**

**ROUEN KHIEV/SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICER
PUBLIC WORKS**

The Secretary presented a communication from Cynthia Stafford, Administrative Officer, Public Works, requesting Commission approval to extend the non-career appointment to exceed his 1600-hours. In addition, the Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Sal Ambriz, Personnel Analyst. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Islas, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the request to extend non-career hours be

approved in accordance with Section 41(2) of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations and Section 1.01 of the Civil Service Commission Policies and Procedures. The motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO FILE LATE APPLICATION:

FIRE ENGINEER

The Secretary presented a communication from Richard Bierman, Firefighter, requesting Commission approval to file a late application for the Fire Engineer examination. In addition, the Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Caprice McDonald, Personnel Analyst. Ms. McDonald briefed the Commission regarding Mr. Bierman's request. Representatives from the Fire Department were present and Timothy Rasmussen, Fire Captain, addressed the Commission regarding why Mr. Bierman thought he would not be able to compete in the examination process if he did not have his Class B Drivers License. He also stated the problems Mr. Bierman encountered trying to obtain his Class B Drivers License. Because Mr. Bierman was not present and on his way, it was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried to consider this item after item 8 on the agenda. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

REQUEST TO APPROVE PROPOSED NEW CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION POLICY 1.72:

The Secretary presented a staff report and proposed Civil Service Commission Policy 1.72 - Authorization to Initiate an Examination Process without an Approved Personnel Requisition to the Commission for approval. The Secretary briefed the Commission regarding this policy. After discussion, Commissioner Saafir indicated that he would like staff to study the approval process for personnel requisitions to evaluate where delays occur before approving this policy. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Islas and carried to hold the policy and direct staff to further study the time it takes to receive a personnel requisition. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYE: Ahmed Saafir
Mary Islas
Jeanne Karatsu

NO: Douglas Haubert
F. Phil Infelise

EXAMINATION RESULTS:

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

Capital Projects Coordinator – 12 Applied, 5 Qualified
Civil Engineering Assistant – 17 Applied, 17 Qualified
Microbiologist – 8 Applied, 1 Qualified
Public Safety Dispatcher – 10 Applied, 10 Qualified
Systems Technician – 7 Applied, 7 Qualified
Water Conservation Specialist – 2 Applied, 2 Qualified

EXTENSION OF EXPIRING ELIGIBLE LISTS:

It was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Islas and carried that the following eligible lists be extended for an additional six months. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Communication Specialist (4/23/08)
Development Project Manager
Electrical Engineer
Environmental Specialist Assistant
Hazardous Materials Specialist
Nurse Practitioner
Plumber
Police Officer – Lateral

RETIREMENTS:

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

William Gordon/Customer Service Representative
III/Financial Management
David Cannan/Police Lieutenant/Police
Steven Prell/Police Officer/Police
Michelle Miller/Police Lieutenant/Police
Vincent Plat/Police Sergeant/Police
Richard Moreno/Water Utility Supervisor I/Water

RESIGNATIONS:

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

Michelle Scribner/Civil Engineer/Public Works
Carol Olmedo/Clerk Typist III/Police

SCHEDULE FOR HEARING:

DISMISSAL APPEAL 20-D-78

It was moved by Commissioner Islas, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the subject hearing be rescheduled to November 5 & 12, 2008. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

REQUEST TO WITHDRAW APPEAL: DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPEAL DR-18-45

The Secretary presented a request to withdraw Disability Retirement Appeal DR-18-45 to the Commission. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Islas and carried to receive the request to withdraw appeal. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

MANAGERS' REPORT:

Melinda George, Employment Services Officer, informed the Commission that over 1400 job applications have been received for Police Recruit and that the first test will be administered on Saturday, October 18, 2008, with 800 candidates invited to participate. She also stated that staff would be conducting a Public Safety Dispatcher Workshop this evening, and that the examination would be closed for filing on Friday, October 17, 2008, with an anticipated 700 job applicants.

The Secretary informed the Commission that Joseph and Nestor Ferguson have been sent letters to return to work, and therefore the City would not be appealing the Court's decision. He also provided the Commission with an update on a complaint received from Gardeners who worked at the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department regarding working out of classification. He stated that Human Resources acknowledged that they were working out of classification and are working on a new classification. He stated that when the request comes back to the Commission staff would prepare a staff report to the Commission.

The Secretary also informed the Commission that he would have the video for the Ethics Training for them on October 22, 2008, after the regular meeting. He stated that the tape is 1 ½ hours long, and that they would receive a certificate after watching the video.

Melinda George, Employment Services Officer, recognized Sharon Hamilton, Clerk Typist, for the outstanding job she did transitioning to the Public Counter, and presented her with a Quarterly Award Certificate for the excellent service she provides at the Public Counter.

The Secretary presented Deborah McCluster a Quarterly Award Certificate for the outstanding work she did on the 2009 Civil Service Department Budget. He also presented Caprice McDonald, Personnel Analyst, with a Quarterly Award Certificate for the excellent work she did on the costs for recruitment and examination report.

The Secretary presented the following employees with Quarterly Perfect Attendance Awards:

Beatriz Lacerda	Caprice McDonald
Diane Dzodin	Donna de Araujo
Lourdes Ferrer	Marilyn Hall
Melinda George	Sharon Hamilton
Suanne Swan	Herman Long

REQUEST TO FILE LATE APPLICATION:

FIRE ENGINEER

Mr. Bierman arrived and addressed the Commission. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Islas and carried to approve Mr. Bierman's request to file a late application for Fire Engineer. The motion carried by the following roll call vote.

AYE: F. Phil Infelise
Mary Islas
Douglas Haubert

NO: Ahmed Saafir

REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S PERFORMANCE:

It was moved by Commissioner Haubert, seconded by Commissioner Islas to convene to a closed session to evaluate the performance of the Executive Director, pursuant to Government Code 54947.8. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote. Commissioner Haubert recused himself from participating in the discussion of the review of the Executive Director's Performance because he was not a commissioner during the evaluation period.

After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Islas and carried to grant a 4% salary adjustment to the Executive Director, effective October 1, 2008. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Islas and carried to conclude the closed session, and reconvene the public meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

President Karatsu announced that the Commission granted the Executive Director a 4% salary adjustment, effective October 1, 2008.

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
OCTOBER 22, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Civil Service Commission was held at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 22, 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, Employment Services Officer
Marilyn Hall, Executive Assistant
Salvador Ambriz, Personnel Analyst
Debbie McCluster, 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 Islas, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 15, 2008, as prepared. There was no vote on the motion. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Haubert, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 15, 2008, be approved as amended. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

The Secretary presented an amended copy of Dismissal Hearing 10-D-78 hearing minutes of October 15, 2008, to the Commission for approval. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Islas and carried to approve the minutes as amended. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT: The Secretary presented a communication from Lisa Marin, Director of Human Resources, Harbor Department, requesting Commission authorization to appoint Steven Perry, to the classification of Administrative Analyst on a

provisional basis. In addition, the Secretary presented a staff report prepared by him. The Secretary briefed the Commission regarding this request. 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.

PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT:

The Secretary presented a communication from Lisa Marin, Director of Human Resources, Harbor Department, requesting Commission authorization to appoint Gwendolyne Castro, to the classification of Assistant Administrative Analyst on a provisional basis. In addition, the Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Deborah McCluster, Personnel Analyst. The Secretary briefed the Commission regarding this request. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Islas 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.

RETIREMENT:

DELVIDA CLARKE/POLICE CORPORAL/POLICE

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

On behalf of the Commission, the Secretary presented Ms. Clarke with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of 30 years of dedicated service to the citizens and City of Long Beach. A representative from the Police Department was present and spoke on her behalf.

RESIGNATIONS:

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

Matthew Fleischmann/Police Recruit/Police
Ayisha Burks/Police Recruit/Police
Tarek Israwi/Police Recruit/Police

TRANSFER:

**RICHARD MIZELL/SYSTEMS ANALYST II/FIRE TO
SYSTEMS ANALYST II/TECHNOLOGY SERVICES**

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

RESCHEDULE FOR HEARINGS:

It was moved by Commissioner Haubert, seconded by Commissioner Islas and carried that the following hearing reschedules be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Suspension Hearing 03-S-78 – October 27, 2008

Suspension Hearing 05-S-78 – December 22, 2008

MANAGERS' REPORT:

Melinda George, Employment Services Officer, informed the Commission that staff conducted its second workshop orientation for Public Safety Dispatcher on Wednesday, October 15, 2008, and over 50 job applicants attended. She also stated that staff conducted a Police Recruit workshop on Tuesday, October 21, 2008, and there were 25 job applicants in attendance. The first examination for Police Recruit was conducted on Saturday, October 18, 2008, with 380 job candidates taking the examination.

The Secretary stated that he attended the City Council meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 2008, and that it approved the City EEOP Report. He also informed the Commission that four employees received the \$500 referral incentive for Police Recruits who were accepted into the October 2008 academy. He also stated that this is funded by the Police Department.

The Secretary also informed the Commission that he had conducted a survey with other agencies to determine if any of them charged a fee for applicants to file an application, and that the results were that no agencies charged a fee.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Stacy Lewis, Interim Assistant Director of Human Resources, Harbor Department, thanked the Secretary and Deborah McCluster, Personnel Analyst, for the excellent job on their request for the provisional appointments.

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ADJOURNMENT:

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mario R. Beas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mario" and last name "Beas" clearly distinguishable.

MARIO R. BEAS
Secretary

MRB:meh

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 18, 2008**

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Present: Drew Satariano, President
Brett Waterfield, Vice President
Simon George
Albert Guerra
Harry Saltzgaver
Bob Livingstone
Sarah Sangmeister

Absent: none

Staff: Phil Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine
Dennis Eschen, Manager of Planning and Development
Thomas Shippey, Manager of Maintenance Operations
Jane Grobaty, Community Information Officer
Sherri Nixon-Joiner, General Superintendent, Community Recreation Services
Lt. Dan Pratt, Park Rangers
Bill Greco, Supervising Park Ranger
Robin Black, Executive Assistant to the Director

Guests: Gerrie Schipske, Councilwoman, 5th District
Andy Perez, Union Pacific
Leslie Markle, Arts Council for Long Beach

II. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- A. Andy Perez, from the Union Pacific Railroad, for supporting the Midnight Basketball Program.

Mr. Hester stated that as part of the budget process, the Department was in jeopardy of having to eliminate the Midnight Basketball program. The Mayor made a commitment to try and continue the program and reached out and asked for support. We are excited that Union Pacific, specifically Andy Perez, stepped forward to provide \$30,000 to fund the Midnight Basketball program for the next year at McBride Park. Union Pacific Railroad has worked with the Department on a number of other projects

in the past and really stepped forward to support the City for Midnight Basketball.

Mr. Perez stated that he is the Director of Port Affairs for Union Pacific and lives in Long Beach. He said he was hired to help enhance their image and do a better job with the community. His areas are the Port of Los Angeles, the Port of Long Beach and the Port of Oakland. He said he would like to recognize the Commissioners for their commitment, which is a big job. He mentioned the various projects that Union Pacific is helping the City with and said that Union Pacific is also planning to adopt Silverado Park. He thanked the Commission for their recognition.

President Satariano presented Mr. Perez with a framed photo from the check presentation ceremony.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 21, 2008

It was moved by Commissioner Sangmeister and seconded by Vice President Waterfield to approve the September 18, 2008 Parks and Recreation Commission minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

President Satariano said that he was going to move two items up on the agenda.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- C. Recommendation to approve the Master Plan Improvements for Rosie the Riveter Park.

Councilwoman Schipske said that she put together a foundation to raise money for this park. She spoke about the history of "Rosie the Riveters" and their background in Long Beach. She said that a landscape architect came up with a great plan for this park with monuments and she went on to describe the plan. She said that a donor has come forward with cherry trees for the park. She described the proposed walking self-tour.

Commissioner Saltzgaver asked if the cherry trees would fit in with the Public Works' tree master plan?

Mr. Shippey responded that they are fine and the Department would work with Public Works.

Commissioner Saltzgaver asked if there are any plans to deter skateboarders?

Mr. Hester responded that they have not gotten into plan details yet.

Mr. Eschen stated that he would keep that in mind for the plan.

It was moved by Commissioner Livingstone and seconded by Commissioner Sangmeister to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Recommendation to approve the improvements for Good Neighbor Park.

Councilwoman Schipske stated that Department staff are phenomenal. They have really made sure that this park is family friendly and they have put it together so quickly. They are building the gazebo and have put in benches and trash cans. She said that when we get closer to the holidays we will have LED lights in the trees so that it will really give it a nice ambiance. This will be a great location for weddings, string concerts and so on. She thanked the Department for doing this. She said that this Sunday is her annual Good Neighbor Park Festival and Picnic. She said that the dedication of the park would take place at 10:30 a.m., and she would love to have the Commissioners attend. She said there are 51 organizations that are participating this year and she is really excited about this event.

Commissioner Saltzgaver asked how the improvements were funded?

Mr. Hester responded that Partners of Parks participated in the gazebo and the Department paid for the benches.

Commissioner Guerra asked if recycle bins would be placed around this particular park? The words "Good Neighbor" mean good neighbor to the earth and good steward to the earth. Is that part of the plan?

Mr. Hester responded that we don't have that currently in the plan. The green bins program for the beaches and the marinas goes before the City Council in early October and goes to the Sustainability Committee next week for consideration. The Surfrider Foundation and all the environmental groups have signed on in support of this program, so our hope is that the City Council is OK with this concept. We might look at this program to include in the parks as a formal recycling program that the City could participate in.

Councilwoman Schipske said that would be a great addition.

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

Councilwoman Schipske said that she heard that this was Bob Livingstone's last Commission meeting and she wanted to personally thank him for all he has done. She said she has known him for many years.

President Satariano stated that they would go back to the regular order of the agenda.

IV. COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS

#08-0901

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.

President Satariano stated that there were none this month.

#08-0902

Recommendation to approve the placement and installation of a memorial bench in Alamitos Bay Marina Basin 4, in memory of Charles and Renata Treffry.

It was moved by Commissioner Saltzgaver and seconded by Vice President Waterfield to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

#08-0903

Recommendation to approve the placement and installation of a memorial bench at the round-about near the Long Beach Yacht Club in memory of Richard Solomon.

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

#08-0904

Recommendation to approve the placement and installation of a memorial bench at Bluff Park at the corner of Coronado Avenue and Ocean Boulevard, in memory of Lorraine M. Lambert.

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

#08-0905

Recommendation to approve the placement and installation of a memorial bench near the Long Beach Yacht Club on Appian Way in memory of Jeffrey Scott Civalleri.

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

President Satariano said that this is a great program, but he would like to suggest that people be encouraged to place memorial benches in other areas.

#08-0906

Authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute a permit for the operation of a picnic service concession with R.T. Clown, Inc., for a term of one year expiring on August 31, 2009, with options for renewal, subject to the discretion of the Director.

Commissioner Saltzgaver asked if this was a new permit.

Ms. Nixon-Joiner responded yes, this is a new permit.

Commissioner Guerra asked if it gets to the point where there a lot of people applying for picnic service concessions permits?

Mr. Hester responded that it does not matter because the Department provides a list of approved providers to people wanting to have picnics in the parks.

Ms. Nixon-Joiner said that the Community Recreation Services Bureau has been working with Contract Management at expanding and reorganizing the whole picnic service concession process.

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

V. COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
President Satariano, Chair

President Satariano stated that they met and discussed the agenda.

Vice President Waterfield said that they also discussed the infrastructure bond and the need to get more information, as residents approach them.

President Satariano said that the Executive Committee has been asked to meet with the Mayor after today's Commission meeting, which may or may not happen due to the Mayor's schedule.

B. FINANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE
President Satariano, Chair

President Satariano said that the Committee did not meet.

Mr. Hester mentioned that a financial report was included in the packet. He said that the Department staff has done a great job this year with the budget. The City Council approved the FY09 budget two weeks ago and the Department had a lot of challenges. The Mayor committed to keep the Midnight Basketball program open. The Police Athletic League (PAL) program will close. The North PAL facility would close as of October 1. The City Manager, supported by the City Council, has said that if the City can find a company to lease that building and pay the lease costs, the \$360,000 lease amount that the City pays would go into parks and recreation programs. Mr. Hester said that this is pretty huge. He said that the Boys and Girls Club has requested to operate at the Freeman PAL location and they are working directly with the Police Department on the transition. Mr. Hester said that the West PAL is still being discussed through the Police Department. The Boys and Girls Club has expressed an interest in this location also, because they have a facility at Admiral Kidd Park, which is close by. But, the Boys and Girls Club is looking for someone to pay for their staff and they would come over and run the boxing program. The West PAL may stay open, but the Department is not involved in this location either.

Mr. Hester mentioned that the City Council took approximately \$100,000 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding away from the City Prosecutor's office and gave it to our department to use to subsidize day camp programs. We think that a large number of the kids who come to the east side day camps actually come from the west side, because there is not enough space at the west side parks and because they can have their fees subsidized. He said that the Department would lose the mobile skate park program, but the mobile recreation program would continue in the CDBG areas. The Department would be reducing four management positions and some of the staff support. The biggest issue out there is the possible reduction of park rangers; we would be losing part-time rangers. We would end up with nine rangers and concentrating on the more active parks.

C. PARK SAFETY COMMITTEE
Commissioner Saltzgaver, Chair

Commissioner Saltzgaver stated that the Committee did not meet and that the report was included in the packet.

Mr. Bill Greco said that the annual Avon Walk for Breast Cancer was held this month and they stayed overnight in El Dorado Regional Park.

Commissioner Guerra asked if there is a special event charge for overnight security.

Mr. Greco responded yes, there is a special charge that is included in their special event permit fee.

D. MARKETING AND CUSTOMER SERVICE COMMITTEE
Commissioner Guerra, Chair

Commissioner Guerra stated that the Committee met with Jane Grobaty, who reviewed the marketing materials and production calendar for the upcoming year. He said that Ms. Grobaty and her staff need to decide what material they have to put out and what would be the best use of their resources. The foldout brochure was a very good resource for a lot of parents and families and it is important to get that out as early as possible.

Mr. Hester stated that it would probably be a good idea for the Commission to hear a presentation on what the Community Information Office does, at a future Commission meeting, to show everything that they do and how much they are needed.

Commissioner Guerra mentioned that there are several dead times on the City's cable channel and it would be a good idea to show a Department fact sheet during those times as a filler.

E. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
Commissioner Livingstone, Chair

Commissioner Livingstone stated that the Committee did not meet. He said that there was a Marine Advisory Commission project update included in the packet, for the Commission's information.

F. CITY SCHOOLS/JOINT COMMITTEE
Commissioner Sangmeister, Chair

Commissioner Sangmeister stated that the Committee did not meet.

G. SPECIAL EVENTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
Commissioner Livingstone, Chair

Commissioner Livingstone said that the Committee met and added items to their working plan. He said that there would be several policies coming forth in the next few months, which would be brought before the full Commission.

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

- A. Recommendation to receive and file the Director's Monthly Highlights Report for August 2008.

President Satariano asked for any comments or questions on the monthly report.

It was moved by Commissioner Saltzgaver and seconded by Commissioner Livingstone to receive and file the Director's Monthly Report for August 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. **CORRESPONDENCE**

President Satariano said that they received the resignation letter from Commissioner Livingstone.

VIII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. PARTNERS OF PARKS REPORT – DIANE WILEY

President Satariano stated that he did not hear from Diane Wiley this month, as he did last month.

Ms. Grobaty stated that she received a message that Ms. Wiley was not able to attend this morning.

President Satariano said when he talked to Ms. Wiley last month, they discussed the Commission's desire to have her attend the Commission meetings as much as possible.

Commissioner Livingstone stated that they have not had a board meeting in the last two months, as they have decided to go to quarterly board meetings. He also said that September 30th is the Partners of Parks all day retreat where they will come up with three discussion items of what the next two years and five years will look like.

After discussion, Commissioner Saltzgaver said he would task the President of the Parks and Recreation Commission to make sure that a report be received from Partners of Parks at the October meeting.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Recommendation to approve the Citywide Redevelopment Agency Public Art Program.

Mr. Leslie Markle said that through the Long Beach Redevelopment Agency (RDA), the Arts Council of Long Beach sent out a call to artists for public art installations in 14 sites citywide. He said that 84 artists responded initially. Selected artists were paid to develop a concept from their proposals. Mr. Markle said that eight artists were confirmed to move forward with the projects. He said that of the proposed sites selected, two were park sites, Burton Chase Park and Grace Park. He went over all eight proposals and sites.

Commissioner Livingstone stated that he wanted to clarify that there would be additional funding from RDA for installation.

Mr. Markle responded yes.

Mr. Eschen stated that the Parks and Recreation Commission's authority is basically related to the two park sites, Burton Chase and Grace Park, which were chosen because they were funded by RDA.

It was moved by Commissioner Saltzgaver and seconded by Commissioner Livingstone to approve the recommendation. The motion carried with Commissioner Sangmeister absent.

Mr. Hester said that he has had conversations with the RDA and if this proves to be successful, especially in park sites, we could talk about trying to encourage more art in parks.

- B. Recommendation to approve the art improvements at MacArthur Park as an appropriate improvement.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said that a general contractor created the pedestal for this art piece without consulting the artist. Because the pedestal did not fit the art piece, it has delayed this project for almost a year. They did not even know it was on parkland when they started. There needs to be more communication during these projects.

It was moved by Commissioner Saltzgaver and seconded by Commissioner George to approve the recommendation. The motion carried with Commissioner Sangmeister absent.

X. **COMMENTS**

A. AUDIENCE

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

B. STAFF

President Satariano asked for comments from the staff.

Mr. Hester stated that a letter was received from the California Association of Park and Recreation Commissioners and Board Members (CAPRCBM) requesting award nominations, which was included in the packet. He said that Commissioner Satariano received the award of Commissioner of the Year last year. The applications are due November 1.

President Satariano asked the Commissioners to take a look at the paperwork and make any suggestions to him and they would discuss this at the Executive Committee meeting.

Mr. Shippey said that this is probably his last Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. He wanted to let the Commissioners know that he has had a great eight and a half years with the Department. Maintenance has great staff and they will take care of everything.

Ms. Nixon-Joiner said that it has been a successful summer. She is not sure if people realize there will be no Halloween events.

Mr. Hester said that a flyer for the California Coastal Cleanup was included in the packet. There are seven locations in the city and they anticipate a lot of people attending.

C. COMMISSIONERS

President Satariano asked for comments from the Commissioners.

Commissioner George suggested that a copy of the Monthly Highlights be send to the California State University, Long Beach library and to the Chancellor's office.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said that the CAPRCBM fall meeting is on October 4, in Manhattan Beach and that he would be attending. He said he also agreed to become Treasurer of the Board. He mentioned that today's Grunion Gazette had an insert about seniors and this Department is prominently mentioned at least three times. We still do some pretty amazing things for seniors in this Department that are sometimes forgotten about.

Commissioner Livingstone stated that everyone probably received a copy of his resignation from the Commission, due to his acting position in the Department. He stated that this budget process has shown what a phenomenal job this department does. He mentioned that his grandmother worked in the Recreation Department years ago and this department has meant so much to him. He is looking forward to the opportunity to serve and work as staff to the operation.

Vice President Waterfield thanked President Satariano for coming to CSULB and serving on a panel discussing civic engagement and speaking about the responsibilities of professionals and citizens to be engaged in the community. He discussed his work with the Commission and Sea Festival. In addition, he said that he got a phone call from a group who is interested in providing a Halloween Carnival at one of the parks. He said he would put them in touch with Ms. Nixon-Joiner.

President Saltzgaver said that he would miss Bob; he has been a great Commissioner. He spoke of a desire in the Mayor's office to diversify the Commission with other districts. We wish Bob well.

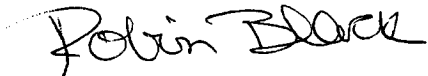
X. NEXT MEETING

President Satariano stated that the next meeting would be held at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, October 16, 2008, at the Bixby Park Community Center, in Social Hall #2, 130 Cherry Avenue, Long Beach.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

President Satariano adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Robin Black
Executive Assistant to the Director

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

C I T Y P L A N N I N G C O M M I S S I O N M I N U T E S**A U G U S T 2 1, 2 0 0 8**

The regular meeting of the City Planning Commission and public hearing convened on August 21, 2008, at 5:10pm in the City Council Chambers, 333 W. Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, CA.

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

ABSENT: EXCUSED: None

CHAIRMAN: Leslie Gentile

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig Beck, Director
Jill Griffiths, Comprehensive
Jeff Winklepleck, Planner
Scott Kinsey, Planner
Steve Valdez, Planner
Cuentin Jackson, Planner
Ira Brown, Planner

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Mais, Deputy City Attorney
Marcia Gold, Minutes Clerk

P L E D G E O F A L L E G I A N C E

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Smith.

M I N U T E S

The minutes of July 17, 2008 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Saumur, seconded by Commissioner Van Horik and passed unanimously.

D I R E C T O R S R E P O R T

Craig Beck announced that the Housing Element would be brought back to the Commission as an informal discussion and Powerpoint presentation at the next meeting.

S W E A R I N G O F W I T N E S S E S**R E G U L A R A G E N D A**

1. Application No. 0803-05

Applicant: Temple Beth Shalom
Subject Site: 3635 Elm Avenue (District 8)

Steven Valdez presented the staff report recommending approval of the request since the project would have a positive effect on the community by providing much-needed senior housing, and by improving a vacant lot with a high-quality building situated near public transportation, hospitals and shopping.

Jerry Kaufman, 3635 Elm Avenue, Past President, Temple Beth Shalom; Program Manager, Senior Facility Project, applicant, outlined the changes made in response to community and staff input and listed their extensive community outreach efforts.

Bruce Lavins, Bruce Lavins Architects, 3635 Elm Avenue, project architect, compared the original design with the revised one, demonstrating changes made including setbacks to reduce building mass and give the roof articulation; addition of canopy trees to soften the building façade; creation of a campus feel for both the temple and senior center, and wall resurfacing of the temple to match the new project. Mr. Lavins noted that an easement had been created to accommodate an off-street loading zone and last-minute landscaping revisions.

Isaac Chernotsky, 18031 Tulsa Street, Granada Hills, operating officer for the facility, outlined the planned services to be offered and said the staff would be specially trained to assist all area residents.

Lisa Specht, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, 11355 West Olympic Blvd., applicant counsel, further listed changes made in response to staff and community input, including increased common area and amenities, and said they'd done a traffic study even though it was not required that reflected their original conclusion that the project would not impact area traffic and maybe improve it since they would be offering free shuttle services not only to residents but also to area seniors.

In response to a query from Commissioner Van Horik regarding the new setbacks, Mr. Lavins stated they were losing about 4,000 sq.ft. with the changes, which had triggered the reduction in unit sizes from one-bedroom to studios on those floors, and that the ground floor had been pulled in to accommodate a larger common area.

Commissioner Saumur commented that he felt the north side of the proposed building was still massive even after the setbacks, and suggested using landscaping and balconies on the fourth floor. Mr. Lavins said that any further changes would compromise the facility and its functions too severely.

In response to a query from Commissioner Durnin regarding the type of residents anticipated, Mr. Chernotsky explained that it would be a non-medical facility accepting all but those requiring continual skilled nursing.

Ben Rockwell, 475 W. 5th Street, said he felt the units were too small to accommodate those in wheelchairs and would remain financially out of reach for low-income seniors.

Dan Toji, 3737 Elm Avenue, adjacent neighbor, expressed objection to the project, saying he felt it was too massive for the neighborhood with too-small setbacks, and added that he felt the rezoning request was inappropriate for a residential area.

Elisa Waltzman, 3720 Elm Avenue, expressed support for the project, saying it was ideal for area seniors, and that she preferred a well-cared for building over a vacant lot.

Deborah Goldfarb, Director, Jewish Federation of Greater Long Beach and Los Angeles County, 3802 E. Willow, also expressed support for the project, saying it would promote non-sectarian, quality housing for seniors.

Cheryl Lackman Feinberg, 3740 Long Beach Blvd., Real Estate lawyer, expressed support for the project and agreed the community was in need of quality senior housing.

Jerry Dials, Associate Pastor, Grace Brethren Church, 3590 Elm Avenue, said the Church Board was in unanimous support of the project which they felt was crucial for the aging population.

Lori Solomon, Accent on Senior Housing, 17915 Ventura Blvd., Suite 200, Encino, CA 91316, spoke in favor of the project, saying she was impressed with the project, the size of the units, its state-of-the-art amenities, and neighborhood integration efforts.

Joyce Greenspan, 530-102 Lexington Court, Board Member, Jewish Family and Children's Services, read a letter of support for the project from her group.

Carol Dragotto, 3654 Linden Avenue, a senior housing manager, also spoke in support of the project, saying it was much-needed.

Paul Golden, 3530 Olive Avenue, expressed support for the applicant, saying the City had a moral and ethical imperative to provide for seniors, and he added that he hoped the facility would bring in even more quality projects into the area.

Ronni Schwimmer, 3160 Julianne, expressed support for the project, saying it was a great opportunity to keep seniors in their neighborhood, while helping those who care for them.

Victor Thompson, President, Mormon Church, 3701 Elm Avenue, said their group also supported the project since they felt it would strengthen families and honor elders.

Mark Sims, Christian Fellowship, 2120 Dashwood Street, Lakewood, said his group also supported the project especially since it was difficult to find high-quality assisted living facilities in the area.

Robert Williams, 3839 Linden Avenue, said he did not object to the type of facility, just its size and scale, and he stated that he feared it would actually be even more massive than depicted in the applicant's presentation. Mr. Williams said he felt such a large building did not belong in his neighborhood and should be scaled down to fit the current zoning.

Odette Marrow, 3695 Linden Avenue #6-C, agreed that her opposition was to the height, not the use, and agreed that the size was more suited to the downtown area.

Scott Fitzgerald, 3716 Elm Avenue, agreed with the need for the project but not with its height, noting it would be three times higher than the surrounding homes, triggering a quality of life problem for residents.

Yetta Kane, 3846 Country Club Drive, property owner at 3720 Elm Avenue, expressed support for the project, saying the current vacant lot was blighted, and that the new use would bring in taxes, housing and jobs to the area.

Jim Hannigan, 3732 Elm Avenue, spoke against the project, saying that the urban-style building was out of size and scale for the area, and suggested the developer reduce the number of units.

Donald Smith, 3742 Elm Avenue, also spoke against the project, saying the rezoning request was unreasonable because it was five categories above existing zoning; and that the building would be too dense and too close to neighboring houses.

Paul Young, 310 Carroll Park East, agreed the proposed building was too massive, and suggested that a senior neighborhood be created in the City instead to accommodate this type of facility.

Max Roper, President, Temple Beth Shalom, 3635 Elm Street, presented a petition signed by 1,976 residents in favor of the project.

Lisa Specht, applicant's attorney, said that the fifth floor of 17 units was crucial to the economic feasibility of the project.

Commissioner Durnin commented that he didn't like the building height but recognized the economic aspect of the top floor, and that it should be approved because of the overriding need for this type of facility.

In response to a query from Commissioner Blair, Deputy City Attorney Mike Mais explained that this would not be a precedent-setting decision because the property has been recognized as unique and to be judged on its own merits.

Commissioner Blair said she agreed it was important for seniors to be able to stay in their neighborhood, so she was in favor of the project even though she wished it was on a larger parcel of land.

Commissioner Saumur said the project had an aspect of mansionization to it, and he was also concerned about the precedent-setting aspect of this kind of decision. Mr. Saumur said he had problems with the massing on 37th Street, and hoped the landscaping would help camouflage it.

Steven Ormenyi, 22559 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills, project landscaper, said that fast-growing eucalyptus trees were planned which would be higher than the proposed building in about seven years.

Commissioner Van Horik said she would be voting against the project because in spite of the need for this type of facility, she was very against spot rezoning to satisfy the needs of a specific project. Ms. Van Horik added that she felt the lot

would be overbuilt to meet the developer's economic needs and that there was not enough outdoor space for the residents.

Chairman Gentile said she had similar concerns about the proposed project, saying it was a very urban and institutional solution to a pressing need, but said she supported the project and hoped the developer would continue to attempt to reduce the massing of the building.

Commissioner Durnin moved to approve a Site Plan Review, Conditional Use Permit, Vesting Tentative Parcel Map; to certify Negative Declaration 11-08, and to recommend that the City Council approve a General Plan Amendment from LUD #3B (Moderate Density Residential) to LUD #5 (Urban High Density Residential), and a rezoning from R-3-S (three-family residential district) to R-4-U (high-density, multi-family residential district) for the construction of a 65-unit senior assisted living project.

Commissioner Smith echoed the conflict expressed by the other Commissioners, agreeing with the need for this type of housing, saying she hoped that the massing would continue to be refined to accommodate the neighborhood.

Commissioner Smith seconded the motion, which passed 4-2. Commissioners Saumur and Van Horik dissented.

2. Application No. 0708-18

Applicant: Trillium Consulting, Inc. for T-Mobile
Subject Site: 4501 E. Carson Street (District 5)

Cuentin Jackson presented the staff report recommending denial of the appeal since staff feels the proposed rooftop screening would be very visible to the public.

B.P. Hanrath, T-Mobile, 21942 Mirador, Mission Viejo, 92691, said they had designed complimentary rounded features on the additions to address staff concerns. Mr. Hanrath added that the height was necessary to get the signal above the building, and that it couldn't be placed elsewhere due to signal blockage.

In response to queries from Chairman Gentile regarding placement elsewhere on the roof, Mr. Hanrath explained that the stairwell was crucial to the structural integrity of the building, and that the roof on the other side couldn't handle the weight of the proposed equipment.

Kathie Hira, 4501 E. Carson, property owner, said they'd never do anything to the building to diminish its value or integrity, and they felt this antenna was acceptable.

Craig Beck noted that while staff usually supported installation of this type on top of a building to avoid clutter, the equipment location on the corner was problematic and didn't flow architecturally with the building.

Chairman Gentile suggested extending the parapet to accommodate the equipment so it would look the same aesthetically.

Commissioner Blair moved to approve the project subject to additional conditions that new design elements be approved to the satisfaction of the Director of Development Services; and that staff return with appropriate findings for the item on a future Consent Calendar. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

3. Application No. CIP-09

Applicant: City of Long Beach
Subject Site: Citywide

Ira Brown presented the staff report recommending finding the proposed projects in conformity with the General Plan.

Craig Beck added that other than the airport parking structure, the changes mostly consisted of maintenance projects of existing buildings.

In response to a query from Commissioner Durnin, Mr. Beck explained that maintenance was a CIP function because it maintained capital investments in buildings and infrastructure.

In response to a query from Commissioner Van Horik regarding tree trimming, Mr. Brown explained that one of the capital improvement mandates was to maintain facilities at a high level, which included landscaping.

Mike Ruehle, 160 La Verne Avenue, asked about depreciation of maintenance expenses, and City Attorney Mais stated that IRS depreciation rules didn't apply to any government entity that traditionally defined capital improvements as new, or to be maintained.

Commissioner Durnin moved to find the proposed projects listed in the Proposed Fiscal Year 2009 Capital Improvement Program in conformity with the General Plan. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. Application No. 0807-16

Applicant: City of Long Beach
Subject Site: Citywide

Scott Kinsey presented the staff report recommending approval of the proposed amendments since the results of increased notification have found to be beneficial, raising public awareness and allowing more residents to be informed of each hearing.

Noting that there was no increase in meeting attendance due to the new radius, Chairman Gentile wondered if there was any value to the amendments.

Commissioner Saumur asked if there was any way to notify apartment building owners and residents if their addresses on record didn't match the property address. Jeff Winklepleck said staff had found that a poster was the best way to get residents' attention.

Mr. Winklepleck added that incorrect addresses were a constant problem, and it was too expensive to verify by certified mail or hand-delivery.

Mike Ruehle, 160 La Verne Avenue, President, Belmont Shore Residents Association, said he thought all addresses should be vetted to weed out incorrect ones, and that he had personally experienced the notification problem on height variance requests. Mr. Ruehle also said he felt the poster mentioned by staff should be at least three feet high to be most effective.

Melinda Cotton, P. O. Box 3310, Long Beach, said she wished there were still Community Planners so more information could be disseminated among the residents in various areas.

Commissioner Durnin suggested looking into the cost of emailing notices or even publishing them in small local papers, which he thought residents were more likely to read.

Commissioner Van Horik moved to recommend continuation of the item to a date to be announced. Commissioner Saumur seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**R E P O R T O N O T H E R D E P A R T M E N T
M A T T E R S**

There were no reports on other Departmental Matters.

**M A T T E R S F R O M P L A N N I N G C O M M I S S I O N
M E M B E R S**

Commissioner Saumur commented that there seemed to be a need for Community Planners who could provide more information about projects in districts as they go through processing, not just as they're listed and as they go to hearing.

A D J O U R N M E N T

The meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Gold
Minutes Clerk

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA
SEPTEMBER 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 September 4, 2008.

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

PRESENT:	William B. Townsend	Commissioner
	John Allen	Commissioner
	Paul Blanco	Commissioner
	Steve Conley	Commissioner
	Frank Clarke	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
	Matthew P. Lyons	Director, Planning & Conservation
	Isaac C. Pai	Director of Engineering
	Eric Leung	Director of Water Resources
	Monya Hawkins	Manager Information Technology
	Robert Verceles	Division Engineer
	Melissa L. Keyes	Administrative Analyst III/Special Projects Coordinator
	Greg Sorensen	Administrative Analyst III
	Dynna Long	Office Administrator

ABSENT: NONE

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Melissa Keyes led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 21, 2008

Upon motion by Commissioner Blanco, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously carried, the minutes of the Meeting of August 21, 2008 were approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Townsend 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. REVIEW BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 2008

- William B. Townsend, President, Board of Water Commissioners

The Board discussed the proposed meeting schedule for the month of October 2008. The Board agreed to the following adjusted meeting schedule:

October 9, 2008	Regular Meeting – 9:15 A.M.
October 23, 2008	Regular Meeting – 7:00 P.M.

During discussion regarding board member availability for the October 2008 meetings, Commissioner Conley reported that he had submitted his resignation to the Mayor effective September 26, 2008, after having served twelve years as a Board of Water Commissioner.

There was discussion regarding scheduling a luncheon in honor of former Commissioners Helen Hansen and Stephen Conley in mid-October 2008.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS – PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY

President Townsend stated that he would accept nominations for the Board officers for FY 08-09 in accordance with Resolution WD-889, a Resolution Establishing Rules of Procedure for the Board of Water Commissioners.

President

President Townsend called for the nomination of the President of the Board of Water Commissioners.

It was moved by Commissioner Conley, and seconded by Commissioner Clarke that Commissioner Allen be nominated for the office of President.

President Townsend asked if there were any other nominations for President, and there being none, he called for a vote. Commissioner Allen was unanimously elected as President for the term beginning October 9, 2008.

Vice President

President Townsend called for the nomination of the Vice President of the Board of Water Commissioners.

It was moved by Commissioner Clarke, and seconded by Commissioner Allen that Commissioner Blanco be nominated for the office of Vice President.

President Townsend asked if there were any other nominations for Vice President, and there being none, he called for a vote. Commissioner Blanco was unanimously elected as Vice President for the term beginning October 9, 2008.

Secretary

President Townsend called for the nomination of the Secretary of the Board of Water Commissioners.

It was moved by Commissioner Allen, and seconded by Commissioner Blanco that Commissioner Clarke be nominated for the office of Secretary.

President Townsend asked if there were any other nominations for Secretary, and there being none, he called for a vote. Commissioner Clarke was unanimously elected as Secretary for the term beginning October 9, 2008.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

• William B. Townsend, President, Board of Water Commissioners

President Townsend reported that he and Vice President Allen had attended the recent LBWD Council Budget Hearing briefing. He complimented staff and the Commissioners for a well assembled budget.

President Townsend congratulated the new officers, and thanked the Commissioners and staff for their support during the past year.

7. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Kevin L. Wattier, General Manager

WATER CONSERVATION UPDATE

Mr. Wattier reported that there had been a city-wide record low water consumption during August – 19% below the ten-year average. He advised this represented an overall 9% water conservation record for the year.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Clarke questioned the Pipeline Permit transfer fee amounts made to the city as noted on the Transfer Fund Journal Entry dated September 4, 2008.

Mr. Wattier provided historical background on the Pipeline Permit fee transfers.

It was moved by Commissioner Allen, and seconded by Commissioner Blanco to approve Consent Calendar items 8a. and 8b. These Consent Calendar items were unanimously approved.

8a. Approval of Transfer of Funds by Journal Entry Dated September 4, 2008

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

8b. Authorize the General Manager to Execute the second renewal option of Agreement WD-2753 with Backflow Apparatus and Valve Company (BAVCO) to furnish and deliver backflow assembly repair kits, and whole backflow assemblies in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for the new contract period

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

9. Authorize the General Manager to Execute an Agreement with the Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD) Regarding the Storage of Non-Interruptible Tier 1 Imported water in the Central Groundwater Basin for Alamitos Barrier Operations for a term to December 31, 2009

- **Eric Leung, Director of Water Resources**

Mr. Leung provided a briefing which outlined the benefits to the Long Beach Water Department of storing water in advance for WRD operation of the Alamitos Barrier, also noting the financial benefits of paying for water at today's rates for future operations.

There was general discussion regarding this agenda item.

It was moved by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Clarke to Authorize the General Manager to Execute an Agreement with the Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD) Regarding the Storage of Non-Interruptible Tier 1 Imported water in the Central Groundwater Basin for Alamitos Barrier Operations for a term to December 31, 2009. The motion carried unanimously.

10. DROUGHT UPDATE

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

Mr. Falagan provided an overview of the drought update report. He provided an overview of local water supplies, Colorado River Resources, historical precipitation data for the State Water Project, and combined water storage levels for Oroville; Shasta and San Luis reservoirs which indicated historic low levels as of August 31, 2008. He reviewed 10-year historical data for consumptive demand and provided a 3-month precipitation (September, October, and November 2008) outlook.

Commissioner Conley inquired how other region water agencies are doing regarding water conservation. Mr. Wattier responded that other agencies have been slow in their response, but that LBWD staff has recently been approached to speak to local agencies regarding the Long Beach conservation program and the results of this program. He also advised that some agencies are enacting ordinances similar to the Long Beach program requiring their cities to respond to conservation guidelines.

Mr. Wattier provided a briefing regarding upcoming State Water Project allocations, and estimated that this year's allocation might be in the 10 – 15% range. He advised that by contract the State Water Project Allocation must be announced by December 1st of each year.

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 ruling on biological opinion for salmon being affected by State Water Project pumping.

11. LEGISLATIVE/PUBLIC AFFAIRS ISSUES

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

Mr. Alsop reported there was minimal legislative activity due to State budget deliberations.

Mr. Alsop commented on 1) a bill by Perata proposing to allocate funds for previous bonds towards water supply reliability and efficiency projects; 2) Reported still no movement on a comprehensive water bond package.

Mr. Wattier advised that the conservation response by consumers is related to retail agencies' activities, exclusively. Policy though, is being conducted at the wholesale level. He reported this disconnect is hampering regional efforts to implement conservation measures throughout Southern California.

Mr. Alsop provided an update on AB 2175 (Laird), and reported that the bill had received additional amendments, specifically complex adjustments to CII usage. He reported the effect was to limit the impact of the bill to urban retail agencies, and then add confusing complexity to hamper compliance. He reported procedurally, the bill was killed for this session, but may return next year.

12. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Clarke asked about stolen fire hydrants, and inquired why the Long Beach Water Department was required to pay for their replacement. Mr. Wattier agreed this was a good issue to discuss further with the Fire Department.

Commissioner Clarke asked for information related to turn on/turn offs of utility services. He inquired if staff could estimate/assess if turn offs were related to people leaving their property due to the current economic climate.


Mr. Falagan responded the Utility Billing system tracks the request to transfer to workforce management system to have Water/Gas turn on or off (the meter). The personal reasons for the service request are unknown, and so LBWD cannot track or monitor that activity to reach any statistical conclusions.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Townsend adjourned the meeting at 10:26 a.m. to the next special meeting of the Water Commission to be held September 18, 2008, in the Assembly Room of the Treatment Plant, 2950 Redondo Avenue, in Long Beach, California.


Frank Clarke, Secretary

Attest:


John D. S. Allen President

MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
CONSIDERATION OF ANY PUBLIC PROTEST OF PROPOSED
INCREASES TO THE CITY'S WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009
LONG BEACH TREATMENT PLANT
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA
SEPTEMBER 18, 2008

The Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Long Beach met in the Assembly Room of the Long Beach Treatment Plant, 2950 Redondo Avenue, Long Beach, California, on September 18, 2008.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President William Townsend.

PRESENT:	William B. Townsend	Commissioner
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	Greg Sorensen	Administrative Analyst III
	Terry McAlpine	Administrative Analyst III

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Conley led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Sandra Fox, Secretary to the Board called the roll.

Commissioners Present: Townsend; Allen; Blanco; Conley; Clarke

3. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

President Townsend opened the public hearing and reported the only item for business on the agenda was a public hearing on water and sewer rates. He advised the public if they wished to speak to protest, they should complete a speaker's card and complete all information requested on the card prior to speaking. He advised that speakers should identify themselves at the microphone, and limit their remarks to three minutes.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT & COMMISSION COMMENTS

President Townsend asked if there were any members of the public interested in speaking.

Bob Bryan spoke in protest of rate increase.

Victoria Beatley made positive comments regarding the Long Beach Water Department and spoke to support the increase

Marjorie Landress spoke regarding high taxes and sewer charges.

Carolyn Smith-Watts spoke protesting the rate increase, and expressed her concern for low-income residents being able to pay this increase.

Ernest Woods spoke in protest of rate increase.

Dani Collier spoke regarding desalination as an option for a water resource.

Commissioner Conley made general comments regarding the Long Beach Water Department operations, and spoke regarding the role of a Long Beach Water Commissioner.

Commissioner Clarke spoke regarding sewer lines; the \$100 stipend per meeting for Board of Water Commissioners; he commented on the high cost of water; he expressed his concerns regarding too much red tape in developing and building a desalination plant in California; he advised the community to be mindful that the San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers are polluting the Long Beach harbor and beaches. He also expressed his concerns for contaminants that might be entering some water supplies

President Townsend closed the public comment period.

5. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENT

Mr. Charles Parkin, Principal Deputy City Attorney, reported that the Water Department had received sixteen written letters of protest. He advised that in adding the public speakers who had spoken in protest of the rate increase at the Public Hearing, the number of protests were not a majority of the ratepayers. He advised the new rates adopted by the Board of Water Commissioners, and approved by the City Council will take effect on October 1, 2008.


6. ADJOURNMENT

The Public Hearing was closed and adjourned by President Townsend at 7:38 p.m.



Frank Clarke, Secretary

Attest:



John D. S. Allen, President

MINUTES
 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
 LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA
 OCTOBER 9, 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 October 9, 2008.

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

PRESENT:	John Allen	Commissioner
	Paul Blanco	Commissioner
	Frank Clarke	Commissioner
	William B. Townsend	Commissioner
	Suja Lowenthal	Metropolitan Water District Board Member
	Charles Parkin	Principal Deputy City Attorney
	Kevin L. Wattier	General Manager
	Sandra L. Fox	Secretary to the Board of Water Commissioners
	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
	Melissa L. Keyes	Administrative Analyst III/Special Projects Coordinator
	Ken Bott	Administrative Officer
	Greg Sorensen	Administrative Analyst III
	Terry McAlpine	Administrative Analyst III
	Chris Daclan	Administrative Analyst III
	Dynna Long	Office Administrator
	Suzanne Dallman	Board Member Elect
ABSENT:	Robert C. Cheng	Deputy General Manager – Operations
	Paul Fujita	Director of Finance

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

William Townsend led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 4, 2008

Upon motion by Commissioner Blanco, seconded by Commissioner Townsend and unanimously carried, the minutes of the Meeting of September 4, 2008 were approved.

September 18, 2008

Upon motion by Commissioner Blanco, seconded by Commissioner Townsend and unanimously carried, the minutes of the Meeting of September 18, 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 thanked Commissioner Townsend for his leadership as President of the Board for the past year, and presented a Board resolution, a ceremonial gavel and sounding block and mini-fire hydrant to outgoing President Townsend from the Long Beach Water Department. He reviewed the accomplishments of President Townsend as outlined in the resolution presented to him.

Commissioner Townsend thanked the LBWD staff, Commissioners and City Attorney for their support during his term as President.

President Allen thanked the Board for his election as President, and outlined his goals for his term as President as follows:

- Work harder in increasing the water recycling program, with a goal to go beyond the 12% threshold as currently noted in the LBWD water portfolio
- Consider sites for future desalination plant
- Continue the water conservation efforts throughout the City of Long Beach

President Allen reported that on Tuesday, October 7, 2008, he accepted on behalf of the Long Beach Water Department the Aquarium of the Pacific Award of Excellence presented to the Department for their innovative and effective water conservation programs, and for their forward-thinking efforts to desalt seawater in a cost-effective manner that is environmentally friendly.

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

FIRE HYDRANT THEFTS

Mr. Wattier reported that a suspect regarding the recent fire hydrant thefts in Long Beach had been arrested in Signal Hill. He advised the thief had been sentenced to six years in jail for these thefts.

WATER CONSERVATION RECORD

Mr. Wattier reviewed a chart indicating the final numbers for water demand and conservation for the year beginning October 2007 through September 2008. He advised the overall conservation number for this period was 9.2%. He reported that this type of water conservation had not been seen since 1992 when mandatory rationing was in effect, and the population totaled 60,000 less individuals.

He noted the key point was that other cities are taking note of what conservation numbers are achievable with concerted efforts like those taking place in Long Beach.

HUELL HOWSER TAPING

Mr. Wattier reported that Huell Howser had been in town taping a segment which featured the LBWD as a leader in the state regarding water conservation. He advised this show would air on Wednesday, October 22, 2008 on KCET.

WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE GIVEAWAY

Mr. Wattier reported the Water Efficient Landscape Giveaway program had been launched, and to date four hundred fifty entries had been received. He noted the deadline for final entries would be January 9, 2009.

FINANCIAL INVESTMENT UPDATE

Mr. Wattier commented on how the recent financial environment had affected the LBWD's plan to issue commercial paper. He reported that as of today (October 9, 2008) lenders were looking at the LIBOR (London Inter-bank Offer Rate – or the interest rate that banks charge each other for loans) plus 50 basis points (0.50%) for future loans. He reported the LIBOR was currently at 4.25%. He reported the LBWD currently holds an \$8 million commercial paper note that is due to roll over on November 7, 2008. He advised the LBWD Finance Division is watching other city notes rollover, and they have been in the range of 4.45%.

Mr. Wattier assured the Board that staff has taken a conservative approach in the recent budgeting process to account for potential fluctuations in the marketplace.

METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT MEMBER AGENCY VOTING STRENGTH

Mr. Wattier reviewed the current MWD member agency voting strength graph which indicated data as of August 18, 2008. He explained the graph indicated the number of MWD Director votes available to the member agencies which is based on the final assessed valuation of properties within the different agency's boundaries. He noted the current tabulation still affords the City of Long Beach one Director on the MWD Board.

METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT STATE WATER PROJECT TOUR

Mr. Wattier provided a brief summary regarding the recent three-day Metropolitan Water District (MWD) State Water Project Tour he had participated in with Suja Lowenthal, the City of Long Beach Metropolitan Water District Director. He reported on the low reservoir levels that were observed on this trip, and reminded the Board how these conditions made their water conservation program even more important for the city.

NOTE: AGENDA ITEM 8. WAS TAKEN OUT OF ORDER AT THIS POINT IN THE MEETING

8. REPORT OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT (MWD) BOARD MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

Suja Lowenthal, City of Long Beach Metropolitan Water District Director provided a brief summary of actions taken at the September 9, 2008 board meeting.

Director Lowenthal reported that MWD was taking immediate action to control costs – initiated a hiring freeze; reduction in travel, plus she advised they were looking at deferrals of capital projects due to financial conditions affecting credit markets.

She reported that MWD is looking carefully at what water supply options exist to deal with the current statewide water situation

Director Lowenthal reported on the recent MWD State Water Project tour, and thanked staff for their assistance for an informative and entertaining trip. She noted that conversations with rice farmers during the tour had revealed the complex choices they had to make regarding water transfers, and planting crops. She advised she looked forward to the tour attendees returning to the community as water ambassadors to provide information to the community and their neighbors.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

President Allen asked Eric Leung, Director of Water Resources to provide a briefing on Consent Calendar items 6e., 6f. and 6g. Mr. Leung provided background information on the LBWD conjunctive use program.

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

6a. Approval of Transfer of Funds by Journal Entry Dated October 9, 2008

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

6b. Authorize the General Manager to Execute a Developer's Agreement with the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power (LADWP) to Connect a Sewer Lateral to the Existing Sewer Force Main for the Haynes Generation Station (Haynes) at 6801 2nd Street

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

6c. Authorize the General Manager to Execute a Developer's Agreement with GGF, LLC to relocate the existing potable water line for a proposed retail store in Bixby Knolls Shopping Center located at 4450 Atlantic Avenue

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

6d. Receive and file the Fixed Assets Physical Inventory count for the Fiscal Year 2007 – 2008 (October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008)

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

6e. Authorize the General Manager to Execute the Third Amendment to Agreement No. WD-2530 between the Long Beach Water Department (LBWD) and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD)

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

6f. Authorize the General Manager to Execute the Third Amendment to Agreement No. WD-2670 between the Long Beach Water Department (LBWD) and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD)

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

6g. Authorize the General Manager to Execute the Second Amendment to Agreement No. WD-2671 between the Long Beach Water Department (LBWD) and the City of Lakewood (Lakewood)

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

6h. Authorization to attend the Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce State of the County Address on Wednesday, November 12, 2008, at the Long Beach Convention Center

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

7. Adopt Resolution No. WD-1248 Amending Resolution No. WD-1244, Creating Offices and Positions in the Permanent Service of the Long Beach Water Department, Fixing the Amount of Compensation for such Offices and Positions, and Rescinding all other Resolutions or Orders Relating Thereto

- **Ken Bott, Administrative Officer**

Mr. Bott provided a briefing which outlined the objectives of the Salary Resolution and the process for its approval.

He noted the specific changes to classifications affected by the roll-in of existing skill pay, plus the impact of these changes. He reported that these changes had been included in the current budget.

It was moved by Commissioner Blanco, and seconded by Commissioner Townsend to Adopt Resolution No. WD-1248 Amending Resolution No. WD-1244, Creating Offices and Positions in the Permanent Service of the Long Beach Water Department, Fixing the Amount of Compensation for such Offices and Positions, and Rescinding all other Resolutions or Orders Relating Thereto.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>PAUL BLANCO, FRANK CLARKE</u>
		<u>WILLIAM TOWNSEND,</u>
		<u>JOHN ALLEN</u>
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>NONE</u>
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>NONE</u>
ABSTAIN:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>NONE</u>
VACANCY:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>ONE</u>

Motion carried 4 yes; 1 vacancy

President Allen requested Principal Deputy City Attorney Parkin to comment on compensation for board members. Mr. Parkin referred the Board to a memo he had placed in their cubby folders which outlined the details regarding compensation for board member attendance at meetings; how it was set and applied.

NOTE: AGENDA ITEM 8 WAS CONSIDERED EARLIER IN THE AGENDA

9. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES/ACTIONS/BILLS

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

Mr. Alsop provided additional details regarding the Efficient Landscape Giveaway Program. He reported this program had been heavily advertised (including continued playback of the "Reluctant Gardener" video on the local cable channel; advertising in local media and coverage in the WAVE. He noted there had been a very favorable response from the public regarding this program.

Mr. Alsop reported staff would soon roll out a new conservation communications program for the fiscal year.

Mr. Alsop advised that the Governor had recently vetoed the following bills in response to the late budget approval:

- AB 885 (Calderon) – Metropolitan Water District Alternate Directors
- AB 2270 (Laird & Feuer) – Recycled water; water quality

Mr. Alsop reported he expected these bills would be revised and reconsidered during the 2009 state legislative session.

Mr. Alsop reported the Governor did sign the following legislation:

- SBx2 1 (Perata) – Which appropriates \$842 million in funding from two initiatives passed by voters in 2006 – Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E to assist water agencies in addressing the current statewide drought through IRWMP projects.
- AB 2882 (Volk) – Encourages public water agencies throughout the state to adopt conservation rate structures that reward consumers who conserve water.

Mr. Alsop reported it is a tough environment for Federal appropriations. He advised he would keep the Board apprised of any appropriation updates.

Commissioner Townsend commented on recent eWatering e-mail he received regarding watering requirements.

Commissioner Townsend recommended a media piece be distributed regarding the new Board officers, and the newly appointed Water Commissioner.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Townsend requested to be excused from the October 23, 2008 board meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Blanco, seconded by Commissioner Clarke, and unanimously approved to excuse Commissioner Townsend from the October 23, 2008 board meeting.

President Allen reminded the Board members who had not yet RSVPd for the October 17, 2008 NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet to see Sandy Fox to confirm their attendance.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Allen adjourned the meeting at 10:14 a.m. to the next special meeting of the Water Commission to be held October 23, 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