

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE HARBOR DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AT 925 HARBOR PLAZA, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2005, AT 1 P.M.

Present: Commissioners: Hancock, Cordero, Hankla, Topsy-Elvord,
Calhoun
Absent: " None

Also present:

R. D. Steinke	Executive Director
G. Knatz	Managing Director
S. B. Rubin	Managing Director
T. Teofilo	Managing Director
G. T. Hein	Executive Officer to the Board
D. A. Thiessen	Chief Harbor Engineer
T. K. Whitesell	Director of Administration
A. W. Wong	Acting Director of Communications
M. J. Slavin	Director of Finance
D. L. Albrecht	Director of Information Management
W. D. Bower	Acting Director of Maintenance
R. G. Kanter	Director of Planning
K. J. McDermott	Director of Properties
W. C. Ellis	Interim Director of Security
D. B. Snyder	Marketing Manager
C. A. Kemp	Director of Community Relations
D. T. Holzhaus	Principal Deputy City Attorney

PRESIDENT CALHOUN PRESIDED AS CHAIRMAN.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Upon motion by Commissioner Hankla, seconded by Commissioner Hancock and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of February 14, 2005, were declared read and approved as read.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

Mr. Domingo Leon, PE, from the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, addressed the Board and he was pleased to hear about the SBE Program. He stated this program is essential to promote the development of Small Business companies to work hand in hand with larger companies to lay a great path in the development of the Port of Long Beach infrastructure.

President Calhoun welcomed Mr. Leon and thanked him for his comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR – ITEMS NOS. 1-4.

1. KLEINFELDER – DOCUMENT NO. HD-6905 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES INDUSTRIES – DOCUMENT NO. HD-6906 - SMITH-EMERY – DOCUMENT NO. HD-6907 - TWINING – DOCUMENT NO. HD-6908 - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS FOR SPECIALIZED CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION AND MATERIALS TESTING SERVICES.

Communication from D. A. Thiessen, Chief Harbor Engineer, by A. J. Moro, dated February 16, 2005, recommending authorization of Contracts with Kleinfelder, Professional Services Industries, Smith-Emery, and Twining for specialized construction inspection and materials testing services, was presented to the Board. The recommendation was approved by the Acting Executive Director.

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

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

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
\$636,788.08	Employee Benefits and Insurance Funds – transfer of the January 2005 cost of employees' fringe benefits
684,812.00	Fire Department – Fire boats for February 2005 Fire Department – Fire stations for February 2005
7,368.50	Fire Department – Vessel patrol for February 2005
11,741.00	Information Services Bureau – data processing operations and maintenance for January 2005
1,375.50	Information Services Bureau – wireless communication for January 2005
115,062.69	Gas, Water, and Sewer for January 2005
2,590.65	Reprographics for January 2005
96.00	Fingerprinting for December 2004
2,500.16	Utility user's tax billed for January 2005

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

3. LLOYD C. GUINTIVANO – APPOINTMENT.

Communication from Toni K. Whitesell, Director of Administration, dated February 16, 2005, requesting approval of the appointment of Lloyd C. Guintivano to the position of Clerk Typist I, at Range/Step H320/5, effective February 28, 2005, was presented to the Board. The request was approved by the Acting Executive Director.

4. NORTH PACIFIC GROUP, INC., DBA NORTH PACIFIC LUMBER – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE, UPON SATISFACTION OF CERTAIN CONDITIONS BY CONTRACTOR, CONTRACT FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING CREOSOTE TIMBER PILES UNDER SPECIFICATION NO. HD-S2273 – CITY ATTORNEY REQUESTED TO PREPARE CONTRACT – DOCUMENT NO. HD-6909.

Communication from W. D. Bower, Acting Director of Maintenance, dated February 14, 2005, requesting conditional authorization of a Contract with North Pacific Group, Inc., dba North Pacific Lumber for furnishing and delivering creosote timber piles under Specification No. HD-S2273, in the amount of \$229,535.03, was presented to the Board. The request was approved by the Acting Executive Director.

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

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

REGULAR AGENDA.

5. HEALTHY HARBOR - REPORT NO. 2 – RECEIVED AND FILED.

Communication from Robert Kanter, Director of Planning, dated February 15, 2005, transmitting the Healthy Harbor Report No. 2 regarding air quality-related projects, information on current status of wildlife, storm water, and site cleanup programs within the Harbor District be received and filed, was presented to the Board. The report was approved by the Acting Executive Director.

In response to a request by Commissioner Cordero, Dr. Kanter reviewed the Healthy Harbor Programs.

In response to a question by Commissioner Cordero, Dr. Kanter stated that in their study, cruise ships were an ideal candidate for cold-ironing and that the Princess vessels, owned by Carnival, in Alaska are performing successfully.

Mr. Steinke stated he has had preliminary discussions with the City Manager about looking into that because they are obviously candidates because the vessels are calling quite often at that Berth.

Commissioner Hancock moved, seconded by Commissioner Topsy-Elvord that the communication and the Healthy Harbor, Report No. 2, be received and filed. Carried by the following vote:

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

6. DELL MARKETING, L.P. – PURCHASE OF COMPUTER HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE THROUGH THE WESTERN STATES CONTRACTING ALLIANCE CONTRACT – RESOLUTION NO. HD-2241 - ADOPTED.

Communication from Douglas Albrecht, Director of Information Management, dated February 15, 2005, recommending approval of the purchase of computer hardware and software with Dell Marketing, L.P., through the Western States Contracting Alliance, in the amount of \$500,000, was presented to the Board together with the authorizing resolution therefore. The recommendation was approved by the Acting Executive Director.

Commissioner Hankla moved, seconded by Commissioner Topsy-Elvord that the communication be received and filed and that the resolution entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AUTHORIZING THE BOARD TO PURCHASE COMPUTER HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE THROUGH THE WESTERN STATES CONTRACTING ALLIANCE," be declared read and adopted as read. Carried by the following vote:

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

7. CHEMOIL CORPORATON - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE SEVENTH AMENDMENT TO LEASE AND LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR OPERATION OF FUEL BUNKERING AND TERMINAL SERVICES – FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE.

Communication from Kathryn McDermott, Director of Properties, dated February 16, 2005, recommending approval of the Seventh Amendment to Lease and License Agreement for the operation of fuel bunkering and terminal services on Pier F, Berths 209-211, and G211A, with Chemoil Corporation, was presented to the Board together with the authorizing ordinance therefore. The recommendation was approved by the Acting Executive Director.

Commissioner Hankla moved, seconded by Commissioner Hancock that the communication be received and filed and that the ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A SEVENTH AMENDMENT TO LEASE AND LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS, AND CHEMOIL CORPORATION FOR THE USE OF CERTAIN PREMISES, IN THE HARBOR DISTRICT, AND MAKING A DETERMINATION RELATING TO," be declared read for the first time and laid over for its second and final reading. Carried by the following vote:

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

CLOSED SESSION.

At 2:05 p.m., President Calhoun recessed the Board meeting to hold a closed session:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Closed session pursuant to Section 54956.9(a) of the Government Code regarding *Brutoco Engineering & Construction, Inc., etc., vs. City of Long Beach, etc., et al.*, Superior Court Case No. NC034400.

At 2:35 p.m., the meeting was again called to order by President Calhoun.

ADJOURNED.

At 2:40 p.m., Commissioner Hankla moved, seconded by Commissioner Cordero that the meeting be adjourned sine die. Carried by the following vote:

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

MINUTES
 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
 LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA
 FEBRUARY 3, 2005

The Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Long Beach met in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 1800 E. Wardlow Road, Long Beach, California, on February 3, 2005. The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by President Hansen.

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

ABSENT: None

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Isaac Pai, Director of Engineering, led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 20, 2005

Upon motion by Commissioner Clarke, seconded by Commissioner Walter, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 20, 2005, were approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Hansen opened the public comment period. As there were no requests to address the Board, the public comment period was closed.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

Board Meeting Schedule – February 2005

Commissioner Hansen announced that the Committee of the Whole scheduled on Thursday, February 10, 2005, at 9:15 a.m., will be moved to Wednesday, February 9, 2005, at 9:15 a.m. The Regular Meeting on February 24th will begin at 9:30 a.m. rather than 9:15 a.m.

Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG)

President Hansen commended Melissa Keyes, Administrative Projects Coordinator, for the informative insert to the January 31st edition of the "Press Telegram". The insert illustrated the damage that may occur when FOG is allowed to build up in sewer lines, and provided information about what consumers can do to prevent sewer blockages.

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

- **Helen Z. Hansen, Director**

President Hansen, in her capacity as the City of Long Beach MWD Director, called the Board's attention to the February 8th agenda for the MWD Board of Directors' meeting. Several agenda items were discussed and President Hansen stated that she will provide a follow-up report during the February 24th Water Commission meeting.

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) Boil Water Advisory

Mr. Wattier reported that on February 3rd, the LADWP advised communities in West Los Angeles to boil water as a safety precaution due to a leak in a major water trunk line in the Lower Stone Canyon Reservoir. He noted that the Long Beach Water Department (LBWD) has offered its assistance and could provide bottled water and/or water quality testing services in our groundwater treatment plant laboratory.

Media

Mr. Wattier reported that on January 27th, he and Commissioner Walter met with representatives from the Press Telegram editorial board to discuss key projects in the LBWD, including our conjunctive use and seawater desalination programs.

On February 2nd, Mr. Wattier, Diem Vuong, Assistant General Manager, and Ryan Alsop, Manager, Government and Public Affairs, met with reporters from the Orange County edition of "The Los Angeles Times" who are writing a story about seawater desalination. Mr. Wattier and Mr. Alsop had the opportunity to describe our efforts in this area and to provide a tour of the pilot seawater desalination plant as well as the site of the seawater desalination prototype plant.

MWD Rate Structure

The MWD is discussing the implementation of a \$10 per acre-foot surcharge for treated water rather than a \$20 per acre-foot surcharge as originally announced for Fiscal Year (FY) 2006. After a public hearing next week, a modified rate structure proposal will be submitted to the Metropolitan Board of Directors for approval. Mr. Wattier explained that the lower surcharge would represent a cost of approximately \$400,000 to the LBWD for the purchase of treated water, and that this increase will be accounted for in our FY 2006 budget and rates forecast.

CalFed Drinking Water Subcommittee

On January 28th, Mr. Wattier attended the monthly meeting of the CalFed Drinking Water Subcommittee which provides policy advice to the Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee on the implementation of CalFed's Drinking Water Quality Program.

After the CalFed meeting, Mr. Wattier had the opportunity to meet with Jonas Minton, Director of the Planning and Conservation League, an environmental organization interested in placing a water bond on the California general election ballot in 2006. The focus of the discussion centered on the identification of potential water projects for inclusion in the proposed bond measure.

City Council Meeting – February 1st

On February 1st, the City Council recognized City employees involved in storm response during heavy rains in latter December and early January. The Water Department supported the City's efforts by assigning management staff to the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and committed a field operations supervisor and appropriate personnel to monitor and assist storm response operations as needed. LBWD personnel were on duty the entire time of the EOC operation.

Water For People

Water for People, a non-profit auxiliary of the American Water Works Association, has invited the LBWD to participate in a cooperative effort between Water for People and Sister Cities International. The focus of the partnership is to provide technical assistance and training to water utilities in developing cities by utilizing the professional expertise that exists within water utilities in United States communities. The technical assistance and training would take place through international exchanges organized through city-to-city partnerships. Mr. Wattier will provide additional details about the program as information becomes available.

7. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

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

No report was given.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8a. Approval of Transfer of Funds by Journal Entry Dated February 3, 2005

Transfers No. 74 through No. 84 in the total amount of \$14,888.26 covering the Water and Sewer Revenue Funds, were submitted to the Board for approval.

8b. Request Authorization to Attend the 2005 National Leaders Luncheon Series on February 23, 2005, Sponsored by the Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce

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

Action Requested:

- That the Board determine that an invitation to purchase a table in the amount of \$500 at the Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce 2005 National Leaders Luncheon Series on February 23, 2005, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Long Beach, California, complies with Board Policy Statement 1998-31, Expenditure of Water Department Funds for Board Approved Long Beach Related Community and Civic Activities.

Funds for Board approved community events are included in the FY 2004-2005 annual budget.

8c. Request Authorization for the General Manager to Sign a Developer's Agreement with Spring Street Redevelopment Company, LLC, to Construct a Waterline and New Water Services

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

Action Requested:

- That the Board approve the construction of a new 600 linear foot 12" potable waterline in Spring Street and Gardenia Avenue and authorize the General Manager to sign a Developer's Agreement with Spring Street Redevelopment Company, LLC, to construct a waterline and new water services.

The Spring Street Redevelopment Company, LLC, will pay for all Water Department improvements and will construct the improvements in accordance with the Standards of the Long Beach Water Department.

8d. Request Authorization for the General Manager to Sign a Developer's Agreement with the Long Beach Community College District (LBCCD) to Relocate a Portion of an Existing Potable Waterline on the LBCCD Campus between Clark Avenue and Faculty Avenue

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

Action Requested:

- That the Board authorize the General Manager to sign a Developer's Agreement with the LBCCD to relocate a portion of an existing potable waterline.

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

8e. Request Authorization for the General Manager to Execute the Third Amendment to Agreement WD-2507 Regarding the Groundwater Banking Agreement Between the Water Replenishment District and the Board of Water Commissioners

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

Action Requested:

- That the Board authorize the General Manager to execute the Third Amendment to Agreement WD-2507 regarding the Groundwater Banking Agreement between the Water Replenishment District and the Board of Water Commissioners.

The Groundwater Banking Agreement allows the LBWD to store water from the MWD in the basin aquifer. The Third Amendment to the Agreement will provide the opportunity to expand the conjunctive use project by utilizing additional Proposition 13 funding awarded to the Long Beach Water Department in 2004.

Board Action

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

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

9. RECEIVE AND FILE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004

- **Paul T. Fujita, Director of Finance**

Mr. Fujita presented the financial statements and financial reports for the twelve-month period October 1, 2003, through September 30, 2004. The report provided the following summation:

Water Fund

Fiscal Year 2003-2004 (FY 04) potable water demand increased by 4.8% from the previous year, slightly exceeding the budget. The MWD conjunctive use storage account increased by 8,136 acre-feet during the fiscal year, and now totals the contract maximum 13,000 acre-feet. Reclaimed water demand declined 7.4% from last year due to decreased usage from Alamitos Barrier.

Revenues for the period reflect a 5.5% decrease from the previous year, due primarily to the receipt of \$6 million of commercial paper cash in FY 03. There was also a decrease in grant proceeds for the year, reflecting reduced grant funded construction activity compared to FY 03.

Operating expenditures increased 3.6% from the previous year, due primarily to the payment of the annual pipeline permit fees to the City, the Water Replenishment District pump assessment on in-lieu conjunctive use storage water, and a 6.2% increase in water purchases, reflecting an MWD rate increase and the increase in demand. Labor costs increased \$500k due to rising health insurance and workers' compensation costs.

Sewer Fund

Revenues for the period increased by 2% from the previous year. This increase is due to City reimbursement of storm drain operating and maintenance costs in accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding effective October 1, 2004, transferring ownership of storm drain assets to the City.

Operating expenditures were down 8.9% from the previous year, reflecting the transfer of responsibility for payment of storm drain electric power to Public Works and decreased tree root program activity. Capital improvement program expenditures were less than budgeted.

- 10. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. WD-1201 OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS FOR SOLE SOURCE MEMBRANE PURCHASE FROM DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY, SAEHAN INDUSTRIES, INC., TRISEP CORPORATION AND HYDRANAUTICS**
- **K. Eric Leung, Manager, Water Resources**

Executive Summary

Mr. Wattier explained that since October 2001, the LBWD has tested a number of 4-inch diameter membranes during Phase I of the Long Beach Seawater Desalination Project. The test results indicated that membranes made by Dow Chemical Company, Saehan Industries, Inc., TriSep Corporation, and Hydranautics should be further tested to confirm their performances and suitability for seawater desalination use.

Resolution WD-1201 will allow the staff to purchase specific 8-inch membranes from the afore mentioned companies to continue the seawater desalination research and testing during Phase II of the project. The purchase of the membranes qualifies for 50% funding through the United States Bureau of Reclamation.

Board Action

After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Clarke and seconded by Commissioner Long to adopt Resolution WD-1201 for sole source membrane purchase from Dow Chemical Company, Saehan Industries, Inc., TriSep Corporation, and Hydranautics for an amount not to exceed \$96,000 per company. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

11. **REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE PREPARATION OF A CITY COUNCIL LETTER PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF LONG BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING CHAPTER 8.46 RELATING TO THE DISPOSAL OF FATS, OILS, AND GREASE**
- **Ryan J. Alsop, Manager, Government and Public Affairs**

Executive Summary

Mr. Alsop explained that fats, oil and grease (FOG), when washed down kitchen sinks and drains, are destructive to the inner lining of private plumbing systems and the public sewer system in City streets. With time, FOG will constrict flow, causing damage and often expensive sewage backups and overflows. An uncontrolled sewage overflow can eventually find its way from the street to the storm drain, which may ultimately lead to area beaches. Sewage spills are a violation of State and Federal water quality control laws.

The LBWD's sewer infrastructure is televised and cleaned every two years. However, some stretches of the sewer system continuously require a more frequent maintenance schedule because of FOG build-up. FOG continues to be illegally washed into Long Beach's sewer system primarily by Long Beach food preparation establishments (FPE) that do not have adequate grease control devices or maintenance measures in place.

FOG poses a significant threat to public health, the quality of our beaches, and to the integrity of the City's sewer infrastructure. The additional costs incurred by the Water

Department caused by illegal FOG disposal exceed several hundred thousand dollars per year, all of which are passed on to ratepayers. Sixty-two different locations throughout the Long Beach service area, totaling over 70,500 feet of sewer main, require labor intensive inspection and cleaning every two to three months rather than the normal two-year schedule, due to heavy FOG build-up.

The LBWD is proposing an amendment to the City's Municipal Code by adding Chapter 8.46 relating to the disposal of fats, oils, and grease. Under this proposal, all FPEs within the City of Long Beach will be required to implement best management practices related to the disposal of FOG and to include the presence of one or more drums or containers for recycling and disposal purposes. The LBWD and the Long Beach Health and Human Services Department will share enforcement authority.

It was moved by Commissioner Conley and seconded by Commissioner Clarke that the Board approve the preparation of a City Council Letter proposing an amendment to the City of Long Beach Municipal Code by Adding Chapter 8.46 relating to the disposal of fats, oil, and grease. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

12. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES/ACTIONS/BILLS

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

Mr. Alsop reported that the President's budget is expected by February 7th. Reports from Washington, D.C., indicate that the Republican leadership is working on major changes to the jurisdictions for appropriations subcommittees in an effort to address long-standing difficulties in moving spending bills.

13. NEW BUSINESS

Aquarium of the Pacific (AOP)

President Hansen called the Board's attention to an announcement by the AOP that it will debut a mural exploring the journey of water from the mountains to the sea on February 10th at 11:00 a.m. The public and press are invited to watch as Aquarium officials cut the ceremonial ribbon which officially opens this exhibit to the community.

Commissioner Conley noted that the LBWD and the AOP enjoy a productive relationship and work together to educate the public on issues relating to water conservation, water quality, and environmental preservation. In March and April, the AOP

will offer its "California and Water" series which will be sponsored by the Long Beach Water Department. The formal five-week class is designed to educate community stakeholders about water quality and water conservation in Southern California.

Seawater Desalination

Commissioner Clarke stated that he is very interested in the status of the proposed agreement with the MWD for a \$250 per acre-foot financial incentive for the construction of a full-scale seawater desalination plant, and requested that the staff keep the Board informed as the process to finalize the agreement moves forward.

International Business Association

Commissioner Walter reported that he heard a presentation by Richard Steinke, Executive Director, Long Beach Harbor, during a recent meeting of the International Business Association. Mr. Steinke provided a very interesting presentation about the current challenges at the Port of Long Beach and Commissioner Walter noted that the Board of Water Commissioners may be interested in hearing the report at a future Water Commission meeting.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Commissioner Clarke, seconded by Commissioner Long, and unanimously carried, that the meeting be adjourned at 11:10 a.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Water Commission to be held on Thursday, February 24, 2005, at 9:30 a.m., in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 1800 E. Wardlow, in Long Beach, California.


Frank Clarke, Secretary

Attest:


Helen Z. Hansen, President