

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
WATER COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2019  
LONG BEACH WATER DEPARTMENT  
1800 EAST WARDLOW ROAD  
BOARD ROOM, 9:00 AM**

Gloria Cordero, President  
Harry Saltzgaver, Vice President  
Frank Martinez, Secretary



Arthur Levine, Commissioner  
Robert Shannon, Commissioner

Christopher J. Garner, General Manager

Richard Anthony, Deputy City Attorney

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**FINISHED AGENDA & DRAFT MINUTES**

The Water Commission minutes are prepared and ordered to correspond to the Water Commission Agenda. Agenda Items can be taken out of order during the meeting.

The Agenda Items were considered in the order presented except for Agenda Item No. 6 which was considered before Agenda Item No. 2.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Water Commission Meeting was called to order by President Cordero at 9:00 A.M. in the Board Room at the Administration Building.

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners** Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez, Art Levine, Robert Shannon  
**Present:** and Gloria Cordero

Acting Executive Assistant, Dynna Long took the roll call and confirmed a quorum.

Also present: Chris Garner, General Manager; B. Anatole Falagan, Assistant General Manager; Tai Tseng, Assistant General Manager - Operations; Sean Crumby, Assistant General Manager - Engineering; Dynna Long, Acting Executive Assistant.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Christopher J. Garner led the Board and audience in the flag salute.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Cordero opened the public comment period. As there was no public comment, the public comment period was closed.

## **MINUTES:**

1. [19-002WA](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes for the Water Commission meeting held Thursday, May 2, 2019.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Levine, seconded by Commissioner Shannon, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez, Art Levine, Robert Shannon and Gloria Cordero

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Cordero reminded the Board of the following upcoming events:

Meals on Wheels Walk/Run; Historical Society of Long Beach "Water Changes Everything" exhibit opening.

President Cordero called for a possible joint workshop with Metropolitan Water District regarding conservation, environmental safety and contaminants for commercial and industrial businesses.

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Verceles introduced four of the Engineering Bureau's interns.

Mr. Garner advised the Board that the Certified Blue Restaurant Program had recently been highlighted in the "Water & Power" magazine.

Mr. Garner reported that all LBWD infrastructure and operations had not been affected by the two recent significant earthquakes.

Mr. Garner reported that SB200 "Safe & Affordable Drinking Water Act" had passed.

Mr. Garner provided report on recent Sunnyside Cemetery meeting held with the City.

## REGULAR AGENDA

2. [19-001WA](#) **UNFINISHED BUSINESS - ITEM CARRIED OVER FROM APRIL 18, 2019 BOARD MEETING**

Authorization to sponsor the Long Beach Ronald McDonald House "A Few Good Men" Gala Event Tuesday, October 29, 2019, being held at the Pacific Room at the Long Beach Arena.

Discussion took place regarding the various levels of sponsorship available.

Commissioner Levine spoke.

Commissioner Saltzgaver spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Levine, to approve a sponsorship in the amount of \$500 for a 1/4 page ad. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez, Art Levine, Robert Shannon and Gloria Cordero

3. [19-003WA](#) Authorization to sponsor Arts Council for Long Beach, 2019 State of the Arts event, Friday, October 11, 2019

**A motion was made by Commissioner Shannon, seconded by Commissioner Saltzgaver, to approve a Full Page ad in the amount of \$600 for the Arts Council State of Arts 2019 event. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez, Art Levine, Robert Shannon and Gloria Cordero

4. [19-004WA](#) Adopt Specifications WD-30-15 for the Large Potable Water Valve Replacement - 2016 Redondo Avenue and Kilroy Airport Way, Treatment Plant (EO-3329) and authorize the General Manager to sign a construction contract with Teichert Energy 7 Utilities Group, Inc. dba Teichert Utilities, in the amount of \$1,348,480.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Shannon, seconded by Commissioner Levine, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez, Art Levine, Robert Shannon and Gloria Cordero

5. [19-005WA](#) Authorize the General Manager to execute an Agreement to lease 4,000 acre-feet of Allowable Pumping Allocation to the City of Lakewood for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 and to execute an Agreement to lease 4,000 acre-feet of Allowable Pumping Allocation from the City of Lakewood for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Shannon, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez, Art Levine, Robert Shannon and Gloria Cordero

6. [19-006WA](#) Approve amended Board Sponsorship Policy 1998-31, as recommended by the Board Sponsorship Policy Committee.

President Cordero spoke regarding work that had been done in revising the Board Sponsorship Policy.

Commissioner Levine spoke regarding revisions to Board Sponsorship Policy.

Commissioner Saltzgaver expressed disappointment regarding additional revisions to Board Sponsorship Policy.

Commissioner Shannon spoke regarding the revised Board Sponsorship policy.

Commissioner Levine made additional comments regarding proposed changes to the revised Board Sponsorship Policy.

Commissioner Shannon made additional comments regarding revisions to Board Sponsorship Policy.

Commissioner Saltzgaver made additional comments regarding proposed amendment to language of Board Sponsorship Policy.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Levine, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, that the item be laid over to the first Water Commission meeting in August. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Harry Saltzgaver, Art Levine, Robert Shannon and Gloria Cordero

**Absent:** 1 - Frank Martinez

7. [19-007WA](#)

**REPORT ON PROCUREMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES INCLUDING THE USE OF ON-CALL CONTRACTS**

This report was provided by Tai Tseng, Assistant General Manager-Operations and Sean Crumby, Deputy General Manager-Engineering.

Commissioner Shannon requested that the City Attorney report back regarding the sole source threshold mentioned during the discussion.

Commissioner Shannon commented on Prop L during the discussion regarding this presentation.

Mr. Anthony, Deputy City Attorney provided background information regarding Prop L.

President Cordero spoke.

Commissioner Saltzgaver spoke.

Commissioner Shannon spoke.

**This WA-Agenda Item was received and filed.**

8. [19-008WA](#)

**REPORT OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT (MWD)  
MEETING ON JULY 9, 2019**

Gloria Cordero, Metropolitan Water District Director

Metropolitan Water District Director, Gloria Cordero provided a report regarding the July 9, 2019 MWD Board meeting, and distributed meeting minutes and a list of MWD Committee assignments.

She provided initial information regarding her upcoming MWD Inspection trip - tentatively set for 9/20 - 9/22/2019. She advised this trip would highlight the Colorado River agriculture region. She noted she would be inviting some Port tenants to participate in this tour.

Commissioner Martinez commented on a recent MWD Colorado River Aqueduct tour he had participated in with the West Basin Municipal Water District.

He recommended that Director Cordero extend invitations to educators and younger attendees for future MWD trips.

Director Cordero reported that Wade Crowfoot, CA Secretary for Natural Resources had spoken to the MWD Board regarding Governor Newsom's vision regarding water and the one tunnel Bay Delta concept.

She reported that Mark Gold (former Los Angeles MWD Director) had left the MWD Board to become Deputy Secretary for Oceans & Coastal Policy and Director of the Ocean Protection Council. She advised she had extended an invitation for him to visit the Aquarium of the Pacific for a meeting with Jerry Schubel.

She advised that Krista Reger had spoken at the MWD Board meeting regarding the MWD Landscape Training Program. She advised this program is a partnership between MWD and the Landscape Association to provide training to local landscapers to meet MWELO mandates and certify landscape managers. She noted a training had recently taken place in Long Beach. She requested that she be advised in advance of any future meetings that MWD would schedule in the Long Beach area regarding this type of training.

Mr. Falagan provided background information regarding this program.

Director Cordero provided background information regarding Mr. Charles Gale, Principal Government & Regional Affairs representative for MWD, and his involvement in the Long Beach area.

**This WA-Agenda Item was received and filed.**

### **CONSIDER STANDING COMMITTEE REFERRALS**

Commissioner Shannon spoke regarding the work of the Board Handbook Policy Ad Hoc Committee. He advised the Committee was planning on bringing the revised Board policies to the Commission sometime in August for action.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Shannon advised he would be absent from the July 25, 2019 Board meeting. Commissioner Levine advised he would also be absent from that meeting.

Commissioner Levine provided background information regarding the upcoming Urban Water Institute Conference that will take place in San Diego, CA August 14 - 16, 2019.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

President Cordero shared with the Board the following fact: There is the same amount of water on earth today as there was when the earth was formed.

President Cordero adjourned the Board meeting at 10:19 A.M. to the next regular meeting to be held Thursday, July 25, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. in the Board Room at 1800 E. Wardlow Road, Long Beach, CA.

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