

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
WATER COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 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

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. Agenda item 9. was withdrawn.

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

Executive Assistant, Sandra Fox took the roll call and confirmed a quorum.

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

Also present: Christopher J. Garner, General Manager; B. Anatole Falagan, Assistant General Manager; Tai Tseng, Assistant General Manager - Operations; Sean Crumby, Deputy General Manager - Engineering; Sandra Fox, Executive Assistant to the Board.

FLAG SALUTE

Anatole Falagan 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.

REVIEW BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

The Board agreed on the following meeting schedule for September 2019:

September 5, 2019 and September 15, 2019.

President Cordero advised she would need to be excused from the September 5, 2019 Board meeting. Commissioner Levine advised he would need to be excused from the September 15, 2019 Board meeting.

Commissioner Martinez inquired when the requested Closed Session regarding facilities security and cybersecurity would be agendaized. Ms. Fox advised the session had been tentatively set for the October 10th, 2019 Board meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Cordero announced that the Board had recently attended the Urban Water Institute Conference held in San Diego. She noted it was an excellent conference.

Commissioner Levine spoke.

Commissioner Shannon spoke.

President Cordero announced the upcoming Metropolitan Water District Inspection trip would be taking place September 20 - September 21, 2019. She noted that Port terminal operators and some Port staff would be in attendance for this important trip that reviews agricultural use of water and sustainability practices.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Garner announced that he and President Cordero had been holding budget briefings with Councilmembers. He advised staff was still awaiting a response from Council District 1 and 2.

He reported he had provided a presentation to the Budget Oversight Committee regarding the Long Beach Water Department conservation programs.

He announced the City of Long Beach has assumed responsibility for the Sunnyside Cemetery. He advised that there are ongoing meetings with city departments to resolve some of the issues at the cemetery, such as irrigation issues.

He provided an update on the status of the possible water system transfer from the Port to the Long Beach Water Department. He noted a draft MOU will be considered by the Port's Water Recycling and Stormwater Harvesting Standing Committee on August 26, 2019. He advised the Port standing committee is expected to then refer the item to the full Harbor Commission for action, or first as a discussion item; followed by action to be taken at a subsequent meeting. He then advised that this item would come before the Board of Water Commissioners by September 5, 2019.

Commissioner Martinez spoke regarding this item.

Mr. Falagan provided a brief report in response to Commissioner Shannon's previous request regarding water rate comparisons. He advised that staff had contracted with Raftelis to perform a rate comparison assessment. He advised the final report should be available in about three months.

Mr. Garner spoke about Mr. Pat West's retirement announcement. He announced that the City Council had appointed Mr. Tom Modica, Assistant City Manager as the Acting City Manager.

Mr. Garner announced that Ms. Kaylee Weatherly had been accepted in the Leadership Long Beach program.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT - AUGUST 22, 2019

Commissioner Harry Saltzgaver, Chair of the Finance Committee provided a report regarding the August 22, 2019 Finance Committee meeting. He noted the drop in the department vacancies which were reflected in the report.

He advised that possible revisions to the department's Financial Five-year Plan could be considered after 4th quarter financial numbers have been finalized.

Commissioner Martinez commented on the report.

1. [19-040WA](#) Recommendation to approve the May 29, 2019 Minutes for Special Board Sponsorship Workshop.

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

2. [19-031WA](#) Recommendation to approve Consent Calendar for August 22, 2019. Approval of Transfer of Funds by Journal Entry dated August 22, 2019.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, 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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - ITEM CARRIED OVER FROM JULY 11, 2019 BOARD MEETING

3. [19-032WA](#) Recommendation to approve amended Board Sponsorship Policy 1998-31.

President Cordero made introductory remarks regarding the revised Sponsorship Policy.

Commissioner Levine commented on his suggested changes to the revised policy.

President Cordero reviewed these changes with the Board.

There was additional discussion regarding the final changes. President Cordero reviewed the revised Board Policy as changed at the August 22, 2019 Board meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Levine, 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

REGULAR AGENDA

4. [19-035WA](#) Recommendation to adopt Specifications WD-29-19 authorizing the General Manager to execute a contract with Hach Company, to furnish and deliver laboratory supplies, reagents, instruments, materials and perform maintenance services in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for a period of one year and to exercise the options to renew for two additional one-year periods for an amount not to exceed 5% for each renewal period.

Mr. Tseng provided staff report.

Commissioner Saltzgaver questioned difference in bid total and contract

amount.

Mr. Tseng responded.

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

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

5. [19-036WA](#)

Recommendation to Authorize a modification to the Lawn to Garden Program to be effective October 1, 2019:

Revise the landscape design reimbursement to \$0.50 per square foot with a minimum of \$500 per design and a maximum of \$1,500 per design.

Mr. James Morgutia provided staff report.

Commissioner Shannon requested clarification regarding the reimbursement amount.

Mr. James Morgutia responded.

Commissioner Shannon expressed concerns with fiscal impact statements. He requested that all future board letter fiscal impact statements better reflect the impact on the budget.

Mr. Garner spoke.

Commissioner Levine requested information regarding Metropolitan Water District reimbursement amount for this program.

Mr. Morgutia responded.

Commissioner Saltzgaver spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saltzgaver, 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

6. [19-037WA](#)

Recommendation to Authorize the General Manager to Execute an Agreement with Pacifica Services, Inc. to provide On-Call Project Labor Agreement Administration and Compliance Monitoring Services for future projects in the amount not-to-exceed \$725,000 for the full term of the Agreement, where the full term will be for a period of one (1) year, and include the option to renew for up to three (3) additional one-year periods upon Board approval.

Mr. Chris Pincherli provided staff report.

Commissioner Martinez spoke.

Commissioner Saltzgaver requested clarification on total of four-year contract.

Mr. Pincherli responded.

Mr. Anthony spoke.

Mr. Falagan spoke.

Commissioner Shannon asked who was on the panel that chose the vendor.

Mr. Pincherli advised that the following Long Beach Water Department Engineering staff participated on the panel: Adrian Pavon, Capitol Projects Coordinator III; Pharoah Augustine, Capitol Projects Coordinator III; Wendy Chen, Senior Civil Engineer.

Commissioner Shannon asked why Pacifica was chosen.

Mr. Pincherli responded.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saltzgaver, 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

7. [19-043WA](#) Recommendation to sponsor Meals on Wheels "Discover, We're More than Meal" event

Mr. Garner provided the staff report.

Commissioner Shannon advised he is a member of the Meals on Wheels Board.

Commissioner Martinez inquired about the department having a booth or information table at the event.

Commissioner Shannon responded.

President Cordero spoke.

Commissioner Levine spoke.

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

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

8. [19-038WA](#) AMI Update

Mr. Dean Wang provided staff report and made presentation.

Commissioner Martinez spoke.

Mr. Falagan spoke.

Commissioner Saltzgaver spoke.

Mr. Garner spoke.

This WA-Agenda Item was received and filed.

9. [19-039WA](#) Battery Storage System Operation Update

This WA-Agenda Item was withdrawn.

10. [19-044WA](#) Receive Metropolitan Water District Report regarding August 19, 2019 Board Meeting

Metropolitan Water District Director, Gloria Cordero distributed a summary report of the August 19, 2019 MWD Board of Directors meeting.

This WA-Agenda Item was received and filed.

CONSIDER STANDING COMMITTEE REFERRALS

Commissioner Shannon requested that the amended Board policies be agendaized for the September 5, 2019 Board meeting.

Due to upcoming Commissioner Board meeting absences it was agreed that this agenda item would be set for the October 24, 2019 Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

President Cordero spoke regarding a panel discussion that took place at the recent Urban Water Institute conference regarding water as a commodity. She read the following into the record: We know water is the source of life. But it can also be a source for portfolio diversification. Sounds strange we know, but remember: Like gold and oil, water is a commodity - and it happens to be rather scarce nowadays. So, as with any other scarcity, the water shortage creates investment opportunities.

CLOSED SESSION

President Cordero read the closed session item into the record:

Existing Litigation - closed session with legal counsel relating to existing litigation pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 of the California Government Code.

1. *Diana Lejins and Angela Kimball v. City of Long Beach, et al.*, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No.: 18STCP02628.

Board adjourned to closed session at 10:05 A.M.

Board reconvened at 10:46 A.M.

President Cordero announced she had nothing to report from the closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

President Cordero adjourned the meeting at 10:47 A.M. to the next Special Meeting, Prop. 218 Protest Public Hearing, Thursday, August 29, 2019, at 7:00 P.M. in the Assembly Room at Long Beach Groundwater Treatment Plant, 2950 Redondo Avenue, Long Beach, CA.

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