

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
WATER COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 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.

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.

She then called for a Moment of Silence in memory of Bobby Carstens of Water Operations who passed away September 18, 2019.

FLAG SALUTE

Sean Crumby led the Board and audience in the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

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

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS - PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY

President Cordero called for nominations for Board President.

President Cordero nominated Commissioner Saltzgaver for President.

President Cordero called for any other nominations for President. Hearing none she closed the nominations and called for any public comment. Hearing none she called for the vote. The nomination carried unanimously.

President Cordero called for nominations for Board Vice President.

Commissioner Shannon nominated Commissioner Martinez for Vice President.

President Cordero called for any other nominations for Vice President. Hearing none she closed the nominations and called for any public comment. Hearing none she called for the vote. The nomination carried unanimously.

President Cordero called for nominations for Secretary.

Commissioner Martinez nominated Commissioner Levine for Secretary.

President Cordero called for any other nominations for Secretary. Hearing none she closed the nominations and called for any public comment. Hearing none she called for the vote. The nomination carried unanimously.

President Cordero announced the new officers would assume their positions at the October 10, 2019 Board meeting.

President Cordero thanked the Board and staff for their support this past year.

REVIEW BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 2019 & NOVEMBER 2019

President Cordero and the Board reviewed the Board meeting schedules for October 2019

and November 2019.

Commissioner Martinez advised he would be absent from the October 10th Board meeting.

There was general discussion regarding moving meetings in October and November which would require them to be noted as special meetings.

President Cordero advised she would be absent from the November 21st Board meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Cordero reminded everyone of the Metropolitan Water District Agricultural Inspection trip that would begin Friday, September 21 and end the evening of Saturday, September 22, 2019.

President Cordero announced that staff and some Board members are continuing to work with Rancho Los Alamitos on the education component partnership. She noted she had just filmed a short video segment at the Rancho regarding the Colorado river.

She advised that the Metropolitan Water District had recently announced a sponsorship for this project in the amount of \$5,000.

Commissioner Saltzgaver added that a book and the video would be produced that the Rancho would then use as part of their education program regarding history of water.

At this point in the meeting, Commissioner Saltzgaver requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Pam Seager, former Executive Director of Rancho Los Alamitos.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Falagan made a presentation regarding Senate Bill 1 and its current status.

Mr. Garner thanked Mr. Falagan for his work on this bill and noted he had been working closely with staff from The Gualco Group in Sacramento regarding this bill.

Commissioner Martinez inquired about the status of the Voluntary Settlement agreements.

Mr. Falagan responded.

President Cordero commented on Senate Bill 1.

Ms. Weatherly provided an update regarding the department's social media presence.

Ms. Weatherly also distributed an updated community outreach calendar for the coming months, and reviewed upcoming events the department would be participating in.

Mr. Garner reported that City Manager, Pat West had met with the water managers at a meeting on Monday. He noted that three of the Commissioners had also participated in this meeting.

He also announced Mr. West's farewell event would take place this evening at the Terrace Theater at 5:30 P.M.

Mr. Garner also noted the opening of the new Billie Jean King main library would take place on Saturday, September 21st. He advised that the department's new "Quench Buggy" would be introduced at that event. He provided a description of this item, and thanked Ms. Croci for her hard work in seeing this item being delivered for the department's use.

Mr. Garner also announced that Mr. Falagan would be out on medical leave for about the next month.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. [19-053WA](#) Recommendation to Approve Transfer of Funds by Journal Entry Dated September 19, 2019.

President Cordero introduced the Consent Calendar items and asked if any items were to be pulled.

Commissioner Shannon requested that item 1. be pulled for separate consideration.

President Cordero introduced Consent Calendar item 1. and called on Commissioner Shannon for comments.

Commissioner Shannon requested additional information for item 263 - Water Department Youth Internship Program charges.

Mr. Fujita noted this charge was related to a component of the Department's

Intern Program that is managed by the City's Human Resources Department

Commissioner Shannon requested that staff provide a more detailed report on this item at a future Board meeting.

President Cordero called for a motion on Consent Calendar item 1.

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

2. [19-054WA](#)

Recommendation to Approve Retirement Order No. RO-6156 for items that have become obsolete or unrepairable during the current year, and authorize removal of these items from the Department's records. These items will not be sold at auction.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

3. [19-055WA](#)

Recommendation to Authorize sponsorship of the 2019 Association of Women in Water, Energy & Environment (AWWEE) Conference to be held in Napa, California on November 13 - November 15, 2019.

Mr. Garner provided the staff report.

Bonze level of \$1,500 was approved.

President Cordero spoke.

Commissioner Saltzgaver spoke.

Commissioner Levine spoke.

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

4. [19-056WA](#)

Recommendation to Authorize sponsorship of the International City Theatre (ICT) Encore 2019 event on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at the Pacific Ballroom at the Long Beach Arena.

Mr. Garner provided the staff report.

Commissioner Shannon spoke.

Commissioner Levine spoke.

Commissioner Levine made a motion to purchase one ticket at \$250.00 and take out an ad at \$500.

Commissioner Shannon made a friendly amendment to that motion to only purchase a 1/2 page ad for \$500. Commissioner Levine the maker of the original motion agreed to this amendment.

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. [19-062WA](#)

Recommendation to Authorize sponsorship of the Rancho Los Cerritos 175th Anniversary Gala Event, on Sunday, October 20, 2019 at the Rancho Los Cerritos Historic Site.

Mr. Garner provided the staff report.

Commissioner Saltzgaver reported that Rancho Los Cerritos has joined the

water partnership. He also commented on their recent grant they received for their water project at the Rancho.

President Cordero spoke.

Commissioner Martinez spoke.

Commissioner Levine spoke.

Commissioner Shannon spoke and expressed his concerns regarding the sponsorship levels.

He made a motion for a sponsorship at \$1,000. This motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Saltzgaver made a friendly amendment to approve a sponsorship at the \$2,500 level.

Commissioner Shannon advised he could not support that motion since he is unable to determine what the department receives for this level of sponsorship. He requested that staff report back with this requested information at the next meeting.

Commissioner Shannon made a substitute motion to lay this item over to the next agenda.

Commissioner Martinez advised that due to the time constraints he suggested the Board move ahead and support a sponsorship at the \$2,500 level, noting this was a second to the motion regarding the \$2,500 sponsorship level.

The motion to lay the item over failed for lack of a second.

President Cordero spoke.

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

Yes: 4 - Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez, Art Levine and Gloria Cordero

No: 1 - Robert Shannon

6. [19-057WA](#) Recommendation to Authorize the General Manager to issue a Purchase Order with Beach Sports Properties for an amount of \$50,000, for marketing and advertising services for one year from fall 2019 - spring 2020.

Ms. Weatherly provided the staff report.

Mr. Garner spoke.

Commissioner Levine spoke.

Commissioner Martinez spoke.

President Cordero spoke.

Commissioner Saltzgaver spoke.

Mr. Falagan spoke.

Commissioner Shannon spoke.

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. [19-058WA](#) Recommendation to Adopt Resolution No. WD-1416 authorizing the General Manager to sign and file all necessary documents associated with the application for the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation Fiscal Year 2020 WaterSMART Drought Response Program: Drought Resiliency Projects Grant for New Wells North Long Beach 13 and North Long Beach 14.

Ms. Croci provided the staff report.

Commissioner Shannon stated that he strongly supports any reasonable efforts to expand the groundwater capacity.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shannon, 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. [19-059WA](#) Water Resources Plan Update

Mr. Dean Wang provided the Water Resources Plan Update.

Mr. Garner spoke.

Mr. Falagan spoke.

Commissioner Saltzgaver spoke.

Commissioner Martinez spoke.

Commissioner Levine spoke.

President Cordero spoke.

This WA-Agenda Item was received and filed.

9. [19-060WA](#) Grant Funding Update

Ms. Croci provided the Grant Funding update.

Mr. Garner spoke.

President Cordero spoke.

This WA-Agenda Item was received and filed.

10. [19-061WA](#) Receive Metropolitan Water District Report regarding September 10, 2019 Board Meeting.

Director Cordero provided the Board with a MWD Board meeting summary report. She noted she had missed that meeting since she was out of the country.

CONSIDER STANDING COMMITTEE REFERRALS

Commissioner Levine called for a Communications Committee meeting to be set for October 10, 2019.

He made a motion to have the Communications Committee meet on October 10, 2019 at 8:00 A.M. Commissioner Saltzgaver seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Shannon requested that the revised Board policies be scheduled for review and adoption at an October Board meeting.

Commissioner Levine thanked President Cordero for her work as the President of the Board during the past year.

ADJOURNMENT

President Cordero adjourned the meeting at 11:06 A.M. in memory of Pam Seager, long-time Executive Director of Rancho Los Alamitos and Bobby Carstens to the next Special Meeting of October 10, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. in the Board room at 1800 E Wardlow Road, Long Beach, CA.

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