

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
WATER COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 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 & FINAL 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 Acting President Harry Saltzgaver 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.

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.

Commissioners Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez and Robert Shannon

Present:

Commissioners Art Levine and Gloria Cordero

Excused:

FLAG SALUTE

Anatole Falagan led the Board and audience in the flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

PUBLIC HEARING - 9:00 A.M.

1. [19-016WA](#) Recommendation to Hold Public Hearing on results of Public Health Goals (PHG) during Board of Water Commissioner Meeting on August 8, 2019.

Acting President Saltzgaver opened the Public Hearing for Water Quality relative to Public Health Goals at 9:01 A.M.

Mr. Tseng provided a presentation during the public hearing.

Acting President Saltzgaver called for any public comment regarding the public hearing. Hearing none he called for Board comments.

Acting President Saltzgaver spoke.

He then called for a motion to adopt 2019 Report on Water Quality Relative to Public Health Goals (SB 1307, Calderon-Sher) The vote was taken - see below.

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

Yes: 3 - Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez and Robert Shannon

Excused: 2 - Art Levine and Gloria Cordero

Acting President Saltzgaver closed the public hearing at 9:18 A.M.

2. [19-017WA](#) City Report on General Liability Calculations

John Gross provided a report on general liability calculations.

Commissioner Shannon spoke. He also requested that Mr. Gross provide the Board with copies of the two reports he referenced in his presentation: 1) 2018 Actuarial Review of the City of Long Beach Self-Insured General Liability Program; 2) 2019 General Liability Departmental Experience Modification Calculation.

Commissioner Martinez spoke.

Acting President Saltzgaver spoke.

This WA-Agenda Item was received and filed.

3. [19-018WA](#) Long Beach Water Department Intern Introductions

Mr. Ken Bott provided a report regarding the Long Beach Water Department Internship Program.

Department interns were introduced by their respective Managers.

Abe Ortiz, Information Technology Intern spoke.

Paige Zuniga, Engineering Intern spoke.

Yesenia Jimenez (former LBWD intern), Accounting Technician spoke.

Commissioner Martinez spoke.

Commissioner Shannon spoke.

Acting President Saltzgaver spoke.

This WA-Agenda Item was received and filed.

4. [19-019WA](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes for the Water Commission meeting held May 30, 2019.

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

Yes: 3 - Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez and Robert Shannon

Excused: 2 - Art Levine and Gloria Cordero

ACTING PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Acting President Saltzgaver had no report.

ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Falagan had no Assistant General Manager's report.

REGULAR AGENDA

5. [19-020WA](#) Authorization to attend and sponsor the Rancho Los Alamitos Foundation 3rd Annual "Farm Dinner at the Ranch", at the Rancho Los Alamitos in Long Beach, California, August 24, 2019.

Mr. Falagan, Assistant General Manager provided a staff report.

Acting President Saltzgaver advised he is a member of the Rancho Los Alamitos Foundation board.

Commissioner Martinez spoke.

Commissioner Shannon spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Shannon, to approve a sponsorship in the amount of \$1,500. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez and Robert Shannon

Excused: 2 - Art Levine and Gloria Cordero

6. [19-021WA](#) Recommendation to Authorize the General Manager to execute a one (1) year Lease Agreement with an option to extend the term two (2) times for a period of one (1) year each, with Sully-Miller Contracting Co., for use of 20,000 sq. ft. of space at Long Beach Water Department-owned property at St. Louis Avenue and 32nd Street, for staging vehicles, equipment and materials, necessary for paving and other street related services provided to the Long Beach Water Department (LBWD) and City.

Mr. Bott provided a staff report.

Commissioner Martinez spoke.

Mr. Falagan spoke.

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

Yes: 3 - Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez and Robert Shannon

Excused: 2 - Art Levine and Gloria Cordero

7. [19-022WA](#) Recommendation to Adopt Specifications WD-28-17 for the Access Road from W. Pacific Coast Highway to San Francisco Avenue Cast Iron Main Replacement Project (MC-5117), and authorize the General Manager to sign a construction contract with Stephen Doreck Equipment Rentals, Inc. in the amount of \$815,561.00.

Mr. Crumby provided a staff report.

Acting President Saltzgaver spoke.

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

Yes: 3 - Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez and Robert Shannon

Excused: 2 - Art Levine and Gloria Cordero

8. [19-023WA](#) Recommendation to Authorize the General Manager to execute an Agreement to lease 1,000 acre-feet of Allowable Pumping Allocation to the City of Vernon for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 and to execute an Agreement to lease 1,000 acre-feet of Allowable Pumping Allocation from the City of Vernon for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Mr. Wang provided a staff report.

Commissioner Martinez spoke.

Commissioner Shannon spoke. He inquired what would be the number of wells needed to maximize LBWD pumping capacity.

Mr. Crumby advised analysis regarding this request is currently underway. He advised he would return to the Board with a follow-up report.

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

Yes: 3 - Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez and Robert Shannon

Excused: 2 - Art Levine and Gloria Cordero

9. [19-024WA](#) Recommendation to Authorize the General Manager to execute an Amendment to Agreement WD-3368 with CDM Smith Inc. to extend the term of the Agreement to December 31, 2019 for professional services related to the development of the Water Resources Plan.

Mr. Wang provided a staff report.

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

Yes: 3 - Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez and Robert Shannon

Excused: 2 - Art Levine and Gloria Cordero

10. [19-025WA](#) Recommendation to Adopt Resolution No. WD-1415 authorizing the General Manager to enter into an agreement with the Conservation Corps of Long Beach for the installation and maintenance of drought tolerant gardens for the pilot Direct Install Gardens (DIG) program for an amount of \$438,176.

Mr. Wang provided introductory comments.

Ms. Sara Cuadra, Conservation Intern provided a presentation.

Commissioner Shannon spoke.

Acting President Saltzgaver spoke.

Mr. Falagan spoke.

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

Yes: 3 - Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez and Robert Shannon

Excused: 2 - Art Levine and Gloria Cordero

11. [19-026WA](#) Legislative Update Report

Mr. Falagan provided a legislative report.

This WA-Agenda Item was received and filed.

CONSIDER STANDING COMMITTEE REFERRALS

Acting President Saltzgaver reminded the Board of the Finance Standing Committee meeting scheduled for August 22, 2019 at 8:00 A.M.

NEW BUSINESS

Acting President Saltzgaver called for a motion to excuse President Cordero and Commissioner Levine from the August 8, 2019 Board meeting.

Commissioner Martinez made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shannon to excuse President Cordero and Commissioner Levine from the August 8, 2019 Board meeting.

Motion carried with a 3 yes (Saltzgaver; Martinez; Shannon), 2 absent (Cordero; Levine) vote.

Acting President Saltzgaver announced that the Board would be attending the Urban Water Conference in San Diego, CA August 21 - August 23, 2019.

Commissioner Shannon presented the Long Beach Water Department with a Certificate of Appreciation from Meals on Wheels for the department's sponsorship for the Meals on Wheels 4th Annual 5K Run, Walk & Roll fundraising event.

CLOSED SESSION

Acting President Saltzgaver read the following 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.

The Board adjourned to the Closed Session at 10:48 A.M.

The Board reconvened at 11:14 A.M.

Acting President Saltzgaver advised he had nothing to report from the Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Acting President Saltzgaver adjourned the Board meeting at 11:15 A.M. to the next regular meeting to be held August 22, 2019, at 9:00 A.M. in the Board room at 1800 E. Wardlow Road, Long Beach, CA.

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