

**LONG BEACH CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
AHMED SAAFIR, PRESIDENT
APRIL 23, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Civil Service Commission was held at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 23, 2008, in the Board Room of the Commission, 333 West Ocean Boulevard, Seventh Floor, Long Beach, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Islas, F. Phil Infelise, Herb Levi, Ahmed Saafir,

MEMBER EXCUSED: Jeanne Karatsu

OTHERS PRESENT: Mario R. Beas, Executive Director & Secretary
Herman M. Long, Deputy Director
Melinda George, Employment Services Officer
Marilyn Hall, Executive Assistant
Salvador Ambriz, Personnel Analyst
Chris Daclan, Personnel Analyst
Leah Salgado, Personnel Analyst
Diane Dzodin, Personnel Analyst
Caprice McDonald, Personnel Analyst
Russell Ficker, Personnel Analyst
Beverly Nieves, Personnel Analyst
Lourdes Ferrer, Assistant Administrative Analyst
Ken Walker, Personnel Operations Manager, Human Resources

President Ahmed Saafir presided.

MINUTES: It was moved by Commissioner Islas, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of April 16, 2008, be approved as prepared. The motion carried unanimously.

**PROTEST OF WRITTEN
EXAMINATION ITEMS:**

PLUMBER

The Secretary informed the Commission that no protests were received for this item and requested that it be withdrawn. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Levi, seconded by Commissioner Islas and carried to withdraw the protest. The motion carried unanimously.

**PROTEST OF PERFORMANCE
EXAMINATION:**

MARINE SAFETY SERGEANT – BOAT OPERATOR

The Secretary presented a communication from Shawn Parker, Marine Safety Officer, protesting the performance examination for Marine Safety Sergeant – Boat Operator, administered on March 19, 2008. In addition, the Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Caprice McDonald, Personnel Analyst. Ms. McDonald briefed the Commission regarding this request. Mr. Parker also addressed the Commission. In addition, subject matter experts Louis Martinet, Marine Safety Captain and Donald Johnson, Marine Safety Sergeant – Boat Operator addressed the Commission. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Levi, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the protest be denied. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYE: Herbert A. Levi
F. Phil Infelise
Ahmed Saafir

NO: Mary Islas

BULLETINS:

It was moved by Commissioner Islas, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the following Job Opportunity Bulletins be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Geologist
Senior Program Manager – Water
Storekeeper
Transportation Planner
Water Utility Mechanic

EXAMINATION RESULTS:

It was moved by Commissioner Levi, seconded by Commissioner Islas and carried that the following examination results be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Civil Engineer – 2 Applied, 1 Qualified
Communication Specialist – 11 Applied, 8 Qualified
Electrical Engineer – 2 Applied, 1 Qualified
Hazardous Materials Specialist – 10 Applied, 4 Qualified
Plumber – 20 applied, 2 Qualified
Police Officer – Lateral – 49 Applied, 4 Qualified
Water Utility Supervisor – 18 Applied, 15 Qualified

Subject matter experts for the Hazardous Materials Specialist examination were: David Honey, Manager of Administration and Deputy Chief Michael Garcia, Fire Department, Roberto Uranga, Personnel Officer, Nelson Kerr, Hazardous Waste Operations Officer and Jeff Benedict, Manager – Environmental Health Bureau, Health and Human Services; and subject matter experts for the Water Utility Supervisor Examination were: Ken Bott, Administrative Officer, Robert Katzenberger, Water Operations Superintendent, Lowell Hunley, Bobby Jones, Hans Herchert and Chris Wilkerson, Water Utility Supervisors, Dean Crider, Water Support Services Supervisor and Kim Nguyen and Patricia Ann Robinson, Administrative Analysts, Water Department.

EXTENSION OF EXPIRING ELIGIBLE LIST:

CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (1 MONTH)

The Secretary requested that this item be withdrawn at the request of Herman Long, Deputy Director. Mr. Long briefed the Commission regarding his decision to withdraw this item. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Islas, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the request to withdraw the eligible list be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

RETIREMENTS:

It was moved by Commissioner Islas, seconded by Commissioner Levi and carried that the following retirements be received and filed. The motion carried unanimously.

Roy Bledsoe/Maintenance Assistant I/Parks
Shawn Larson/Park Maintenance Supervisor/Parks

RESIGNATIONS:

It was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Islas and carried that the following resignations be received and filed. The motion carried unanimously.

David Nguyen/Police Recruit/Police
Diana Seats/School Guard/Police

TRANSFER:

**CLAUDIA LEWIS/ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST
III/HARBOR TO ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST III/PUBLIC
WORKS**

It was moved by Commissioner Levi, seconded by Commissioner Islas and carried that the subject transfer between departments be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

MANAGERS' REPORT:

Melinda George, Employment Services Officer, thanked Caprice McDonald for the excellent work she did on the Protest for Marine Safety Sergeant – Boat Operator and examination.

Herman Long, Deputy Director, informed the Commission that Cynthia Martinez has been placed in a Clerk Typist position at the Police Department, and thanked Ken Walker and the Police Department for their efforts in placing her. He also stated that Ms. Martinez thanked the Commission for its assistance.

In acknowledgement of Administrative Assistants Day, the Secretary thanked the Executive Assistant and Civil Service Department support staff for all the excellent work they provide throughout the year.

The Secretary thanked Chris Daclan, Personnel Analyst and other staff for their work in preparing the city Council presentation on the request to restore funds to the Civil Service Department budget.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Commission, President Saafir adjourned the meeting.



MARIO R. BEAS
Secretary

MRB:meh

**LONG BEACH CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
AHMED SAAFIR, PRESIDENT
APRIL 30, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Civil Service Commission was held at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 30, 2008, in the Board Room of the Commission, 333 West Ocean Boulevard, Seventh Floor, Long Beach, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Islas, F. Phil Infelise, Herb Levi, Ahmed Saafir,

MEMBER EXCUSED: Jeanne Karatsu

OTHERS PRESENT: Mario R. Beas, Executive Director & Secretary
Herman M. Long, Deputy Director
Melinda George, Employment Services Officer
Marilyn Hall, Executive Assistant
Salvador Ambriz, Personnel Analyst
Chris Daclan, Personnel Analyst
Diane Dzodin, Personnel Analyst
Deborah McCluster, Personnel Analyst
Paola Maldonado, Personnel Analyst
Russell Ficker, Personnel Analyst
Beverly Nieves, Personnel Analyst
Lourdes Ferrer, Assistant Administrative Analyst
Ken Walker, Personnel Operations Manager, Human Resources

President Ahmed Saafir presided.

MINUTES: It was moved by Commissioner Islas, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of April 23, 2008, be approved as prepared. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Islas, seconded by Commissioner Levi and carried that the minutes of Suspension Hearing 17-S-67 and 20-S-67 of April 9 & 16, 2008, be approved as prepared. The motion carried unanimously.

**PROTEST OF WRITTEN
EXAMINATION ITEM:**

BUYER

The Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Beverly Nieves, Personnel Analyst, regarding the disposition of the protested question from the Buyer examination, administered on April 23, 2008. Ms. Nieves briefed the Commission regarding the protest. Erik Sund, City's

Purchasing Agent, Financial Management was the subject matter expert who assisted her evaluating the dispositions. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Levi, seconded by Commissioner Islas and carried that the recommended disposition of the protested question be approved and the affected person be so notified. The motion carried unanimously.

PROTEST OF WRITTEN EXAMINATION ITEM(S):

AMBULANCE OPERATOR

The Secretary informed the Commission that no protests were received for this item. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Islas, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried to withdraw this item. The motion carried unanimously.

ORDER OF LAYOFF:

The Secretary presented an Order of Layoff, prepared by him. The Secretary informed the Commission that at its direction staff would prepare the Order of Layoff. The Secretary stated that staff would first determine seniority in the classifications affected, and prepare the Order of Layoff for the Commission. Patrick West, City Manager, was present and informed the Commission that he appreciates Civil Service working closely with Human Resources, Harbor and Water Departments regarding positions available in their departments, and that his office would be working with Civil Service to transition employees into comparable classifications. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Islas and carried to refer the Order of Layoff to staff, to prepare the Order of Layoff. The motion carried unanimously.

President Saafir requested that a Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code 54954.5 to discuss Civil Service Management employees contract agreements, salary history and evaluations, be placed on the CSC agenda for May 7, 2008.

BULLETINS:

It was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Islas and carried that the following Job Opportunity Bulletins be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Helicopter Mechanic
Special Services Officer

EXAMINATION RESULTS:

It was moved by Commissioner Islas, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the following examination results be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Ambulance Operator – 124 Applied, 47 Qualified
Civil Engineering Assistant – 24 Applied, 24 Qualified
Gas Pipeline Welder/Layout Fitter – 16 Applied, 1 Qualified
Marine Safety Sergeant – Boat Operator – 7 Applied,
7 Qualified
Office Automation Analyst – 12 Applied, 8 Qualified
Office Systems Analyst – 8 Applied, 6 Qualified
Public Health Physician – 3 Applied, 3 Qualified
Public Health Professional – 6 Applied, 4 Qualified
Registered Nurse – 9 applied, 3 Qualified
Senior Civil Engineer – 11 Applied, 10 Qualified
Systems Technician – 29 Applied, 27 Qualified
Traffic Engineer – 3 Applied, 1 Qualified

Subject matter experts for the Ambulance Operator were Battalion Chief Paul Lepore and David Honey, Manager of Administration, Fire; and the subject matter expert for Marine Safety Sergeant – Boat Operator was Mark Boone, Marine Safety Chief, Fire.

EXTENSION OF EXPIRING ELIGIBLE LISTS:

It was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Levi and carried that the following eligible lists be extended for an additional six months. The motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Supervisor
Mechanical Engineer (5/2/07 & 5/16/07)
Police Officer – Lateral (11/7/07 & 11/21/07)
Police Recruit (11/21/07)

RETIREMENT:

MICHAEL ROBERTS/SECURITY OFFICER III/POLICE

It was moved by Commissioner Levi, seconded by Commissioner Islas and carried that the subject retirement be received and filed. The motion carried unanimously.

RESIGNATIONS:

It was moved by Commissioner Islas, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the following resignations be received and filed. The motion carried unanimously.

Vincent Shortland/Business Systems Specialist V/
Technology Services
Sokhouen Ros/School Guard/Police

DOWNGRADE (Voluntary):

**ALBERT HIPPERT/SECURITY OFFICER II/POLICE TO
SECURITY OFFICER II/POLICE**

It was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Levi and carried that the subject downgrade (voluntary) be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE FOR HEARINGS:

It was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Islas and carried that the following hearing schedule be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Dismissal Hearing (09-D-78), September 10 & 17, 2008
Dismissal Hearing (08-D-78), September 24, 2008 &
October 1, 2008
Dismissal Hearing (10-D-78), October 8 & 15, 2008

RESCHEDULE FOR HEARINGS:

It was moved by Commissioner Islas, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the following hearing reschedule be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Suspension Hearing (03-S-78), October 22, 2008
Suspension Hearing 05-S-78), October 29, 2008
Suspension Hearing 06-S-78), November 5, 2008

REQUEST TO WITHDRAW APPEAL: REDUCTION HEARING 22-R-67

The Secretary presented a request to withdraw appeal in the matter of Reduction Hearing 22-R-67. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Islas, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the request to withdraw appeal be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO WITHDRAW APPEAL: SUSPENSION HEARING 02-S-78

The Secretary presented a request to withdraw appeal in the matter of Reduction Hearing 02-S-78. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Islas, seconded by Commissioner Levi and carried that the request to withdraw appeal be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

MANAGERS' REPORT:

Melinda George, Employment Services Officer, acknowledged Chris Daclan, Personnel Analyst for the excellent job he did in the administration of the Ambulance Operator examination and Beverly Nieves, Personnel Analyst, for the excellent job she did in the administration of the Gas Pipeline Welder/Layout Fitter examination.

The Secretary informed the Commission that staff would be offsite at the Police Department's Community Room on Friday, May 2, 2008, at a training and objectives meeting, to discuss initiating the RELAY Plan. The Commission requested that staff provide a report to the Commission in two weeks regarding what staff determined could realistically be accomplished of the RELAY plan due to the reduction in staff.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Commission, President Saafir adjourned the meeting.



MARIO R. BEAS
Secretary

MRB:meh

MINUTES
 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
 LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA
 APRIL 17, 2008

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 April 17, 2008.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Townsend.

PRESENT:	William B. Townsend Paul Blanco Frank Clarke Charles Parkin Kevin L. Wattier Sandra L. Fox Robert C. Cheng B. Anatole Falagan Helen Z. Hansen Ryan J. Alsop Paul Fujita Melissa L. Keyes Ken Bott Terry McAlpine Dynna Long	Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner Principal Deputy City Attorney General Manager Secretary to the Board of Water Commissioners Deputy General Manager – Operations Deputy General Manager – Business Metropolitan Water District Board Member Director, Government & Public Affairs Director of Finance Administrative Analyst II/Special Projects Coordinator Administrative Officer Administrative Analyst III Office Administrator
ABSENT:	John Allen Steve Conley	Commissioner (EXCUSED) Commissioner (EXCUSED)

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Helen Hansen led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Townsend opened the public comment period.

Metropolitan Water District Director Helen Hansen congratulated LBWD staff on their receipt of the California Green Leadership Award in the category of Water Management.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 3, 2008

Upon motion by Commissioner Blanco, seconded by Commissioner Clarke and unanimously carried, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 3, 2008 were approved.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- **William B. Townsend, President, Board of Water Commissioners**

None.

5. REVIEW BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2008

- **William B. Townsend, President, Board of Water Commissioners**

The Board discussed the proposed meeting schedule for the month of May 2008. The Board agreed to the following meeting schedule:

May 1, 2008	Regular Meeting – 9:15 A.M.
May 15, 2008	Regular Meeting – 7:00 P.M.

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Kevin L. Wattier, General Manager

GRAND PRIX 2008

Mr. Wattier reported that a limited number of tickets for the 2008 Grand Prix were available for interested Commissioners. He advised significant changes had been made for the event with a hospitality tent set up at trackside and elimination of the Ocean Club in the Convention Center.

CALIFORNIA GREEN LEADERSHIP AWARD

Mr. Wattier reported that he and Vice President Allen had traveled to Sacramento to accept the 2008 Green California Leadership Award for Water Management. Mr. Wattier reported that Vice President Allen had graciously accepted the award on behalf of the City of Long Beach and the Long Beach Water Department.

Mr. Wattier advised during his comments he had issued a challenge for other cities to join in the cause for increased water conservation.

WATER SUPPLY UPDATE

Mr. Wattier reported that the State Water Project allocation remains at 35%.

Mr. Wattier advised that the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) had assessed the situation regarding water supplies and reported they estimate to draw 500,000 acre feet of stored water (or 20% of reserves) in the coming months.

He reported that MWD had issued a press release today (4/17) regarding water conservation. He advised they would be calling on the southern California region to cut outdoor watering at least one day a week, and would incorporate this request in their next round of advertisements (radio, public service announcements, as well as print and on-line ads) regarding conservation.

DELTA SMELT, DELTA OPERATIONS

Mr. Wattier reported that reduced pumping flows continue in the Delta in compliance with the judge's ruling regarding the Delta Smelt protected under FESA. He reviewed a graph for April pumping for the State Water Project (SWP) and the Central Valley Project (CVP) in the Delta for 2007 and 2008 which indicated almost a 50% cut in available water. He advised this reduced pumping is expected to continue through the end of May 2008.

SACRAMENTO SALMON

Mr. Wattier commented on the recent judge's ruling that invalidated the permit for protection of endangered salmon. He advised that additional pumping restrictions, like those that apply to Delta Smelt, are likely soon regarding this issue.

CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT (CBMWD) LEGAL ACTION

Mr. Wattier reported that the CBMWD had filed a lawsuit against MWD related to MWD's proposed Allocation Plan. He advised that a settlement conference with MWD was expected in the next few weeks.

GROUNDWATER FRAMEWORK UPDATE

Mr. Wattier advised the Groundwater Framework group was continuing to meet to work on the final Framework details. He reported that discussions are progressing slowly. He advised that he and City Manager Pat West continue to work with Gateway Cities to discuss their interests in signing on to support this agreement.

Mr. Wattier reported that the City Manager of Cerritos had announced yesterday (April 16th) that they would meet with counsel to consider filing a lawsuit regarding this issue.

7. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

- **Charles Parkin, Principal Deputy City Attorney**

None.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

President Townsend advised that Consent Calendar items 8c., 8d., and 8e. would be pulled for separate discussion and a vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Blanco, and seconded by Commissioner Clarke to approve Consent Calendar items 8a., 8b., and 8f. These consent calendar items were unanimously approved.

8a. Approval of Transfer of Funds by Journal Entry Dated April 17, 2008

A communication was presented to the Board from Paul Fujita, which is on file at the Long Beach Water Department.

8b. Authorize the General Manager to execute a lease renewal agreement with SMSA Limited Partnership dba Verizon Wireless for the cellular communications tower and required improvements located on the site of the 32nd Street Booster Pump Station

A communication was presented to the Board from B. Anatole Falagan, which is on file at the Long Beach Water Department.

8f. Authorization to Attend the Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce "National Visionary Leader Luncheon" featuring Secretary of the Interior, Dirk Kempthorne, to be held Friday, June 13, 2008, at the Hilton Long Beach

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

NOTE CONSENT ITEMS 8C., 8D. & 8E. TAKEN OUT OF ORDER

- 8c. Authorize the General Manager to purchase two (2) new liquefied natural gas (LNG) dump trucks from the City of Long Beach Public Works department for a sum of \$349,091.50: (1) one LNG, 2-axle, 6-wheel dump truck for an amount of \$171,887.50, and (2) one LNG 3-axle, 10-wheel dump truck for an amount of \$177,204.00**

A communication was presented to the Board from Robert Cheng, which is on file at the Long Beach Water Department.

Mr. Cheng provided background for the purchase of two new liquefied natural gas (LNG) dump trucks. He advised new AQMD restrictions on diesel emissions favor compliance by using LNG vehicles. He advised the vehicles being replaced were ten years old and had reached the end of their useful life. He reported the purchases were being made from the City of Long Beach Public Works department, and their bid process had met the LBWD bid criteria.

It was moved by Commissioner Blanco, and seconded by Commissioner Clarke to approve Consent Calendar item 8c. This Consent Calendar item was unanimously approved.

- 8d. Authorize the General Manager to execute Second Amendment to Agreement WD-2735 with JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc. (JCI Jones) to extend contract for one (1) year to furnish and deliver liquid chlorine in an amount not to exceed \$190,960.00 for the new contract period**

A communication was presented to the Board from Robert Cheng, which is on file at the Long Beach Water Department.

Mr. Cheng provided background on the contract extension with JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc. He noted the assessment of the proposed price increase indicates that it is justified due to increased transportation costs and the cost of raw materials.

It was moved by Commissioner Blanco, and seconded by Commissioner Clarke to approve Consent Calendar item 8d. This Consent Calendar item was unanimously approved.

- 8e. Authorize the General Manager to execute Second Amendment to Agreement WD-2736 with Kemira Water Solutions, Inc. (Kemira) to extend contract for one (1) year to furnish and deliver ferric chloride in an amount not to exceed \$161,500 for the new contract period**

A communication was presented to the Board from Robert Cheng, which is on file at the Long Beach Water Department.

Mr. Cheng provided background on the contract extension with Kemira Water Solutions, Inc. (Kemira). He noted the assessment of the proposed price increase indicates that it is justified due to increased transportation costs and the cost of raw materials.

It was moved by Commissioner Blanco, and seconded by Commissioner Clarke to approve Consent Calendar item 8e. This Consent Calendar item was unanimously approved.

- 9. Adopt policy position on AB 885 (Calderon)**
- **Kevin L. Wattier, General Manager**

Mr. Wattier provided historical background on Assembly Bill 885 and summarized the purpose of the amendments that are currently being considered.

He advised that AB 885 would add Section 5.25 to the Metropolitan Water District Act relating to metropolitan water districts. This bill would provide the necessary statutory authority for those member agencies who are currently limited to one designee representative to the MWD Board of Directors, to appoint one alternate designee representative, who would serve in place of the principal designee representative in their absence, thus retaining the agency's vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Blanco, seconded by Commissioner Clarke and unanimously approved to adopt a support position for AB 885, with amendments, and communicate this position to the California State Legislature and the Long Beach City Council.

- 10. Adopt policy position on AB 2175 (Laird)**
- **Ryan J. Alsop, Director, Government and Public Affairs**

Mr. Alsop summarized the major points of AB 2175. This bill would act to amend Section 10631.5 and to add Part 2.55 to Division 6 of the California Water Code relating to conservation of water. This bill calls for a 20% reduction in per capita water use by 2020, and would also tie the awarding of State grants to meeting these provisions beginning on January 1, 2013.

Mr. Alsop outlined the required amendments to this bill for Board Support as excerpted from Board agenda 10:

Currently, the bill defines "base per capita water use" as the average of three water years, which include a normal, dry, and wet water year, as identified by the DWR and which most accurately reflects current water use in 2009. Water Department staff believes using 2009 to establish base per capita water use would unnecessarily punish Cities like Long Beach who have courageously implemented extraordinary conservation measures over the last year. Rather, Water Department staff has communicated its desire to have base per capita water use defined by calendar years 2001-2005.

Additionally, the bill currently defines "water conservation" as those measures, programs, and incentives that result in reduced demand, prevent the wasting of water, and promote the efficient use of available supplies. Water Department staff believes by not specifically defining "water conservation" as the reduction in "potable demand" the state will unintentionally create a disincentive to expansion and use of reclaimed water in urban areas.

Lastly, one of the objections to including Commercial, Industrial and Institutional water use (CII) in the calculation of per capita water use is a concern that communities could be disadvantaged if a CII customer that uses extraordinary amounts of water moved into that community. Water Department staff has suggested there be an appeals process that could lead to an adjustment to an agency's per capita target if it is confirmed an extraordinary disproportional growth in their service area between their CII and residential demand base has taken place.

AB 2175 is a deliberate attempt to push urban water conservation beyond water use efficiencies implemented by the southern California urban water supply community, which began in the early 1990's. The bill essentially recalibrates the way the State measures conservation of water, by focusing on the percentage reduction in per capita usage, as opposed to specific numbers of water efficient devices, etc., an urban supplier has implemented. Rather than mandate implementation of specific conservation practices, the bill provides some latitude on how an urban supplier achieves the necessary reductions.

Long Beach Water Department staff has advocated percentage reduction in per capita water use as the most efficacious method to manage the State's growing demand for water. Staff believes AB 2175 provides an important, and desperately needed, shift in state policy concerning how the State of California measures water conservation.

It was moved by Commissioner Blanco, seconded by Commissioner Clarke and unanimously approved to adopt a support position for AB 2175 only if the LBWD amendments are included in the final bill, and communicate this position to the California State Legislature and the Long Beach City Council.

11. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES/ACTIONS/BILLS

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

Mr. Alsop provided a summary of the major activities in the LBWD Water Conservation Communication Campaign and noted the connection between the various strategies, and the amount of water conserved. He noted the main message of the campaign was for a permanent lifestyle change in the way people think about and use water, so that inefficient and wasteful uses are no longer tolerated by anyone.

He noted examples of media buys by the LBWD (outdoor advertising – billboard and bus stop shelters; print/online advertising; television PSAs and direct mail pieces).

Mr. Alsop reported on a landscape remodel effort and its targeted effect related to the drought tolerant landscape garden program.

12. REPORT OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT (MWD) BOARD MEETING ON MARCH 11, 2008

- **Helen Z. Hansen, Metropolitan Water District Director**

Director Hansen commented on the successful MWD Colorado River Aqueduct Inspection trip that took place April 4 – 6, 2008, and thanked Commissioners Allen & Blanco for attending. She acknowledged that Principal Deputy City Attorney Parkin and his wife had also attended this trip.

She thanked Mr. Wattier for driving to Gene Camp to provide the Long Beach and State Water Project update for the tour attendees.

Director Hansen, in her capacity as the City of Long Beach MWD Director, provided a report of the MWD Board of Director's meeting of April 8, 2008, and highlighted the following agenda items: 1) MWD authorized participation in a funding agreement with the federal Bureau of Reclamation, Southern Nevada Water Authority and Central Arizona Water Conservation District for the construction of the Drop 2 Reservoir that will help increase operational flexibility along the Colorado River; 2) Board authorized executing one-year water transfer agreements with Sacramento Valley water districts; 3) The MWD board inducted Orange County philanthropist Linda Ackerman as one of four directors representing the Municipal Water District of Orange County; 4) The Board authorized expending \$40 million from Water Stewardship Funds and approved a five-year contract with the Electric and Gas Industries Association to administer Metropolitan's Region-wide Residential Conservation Program; 5) Board appropriated \$980,000 and authorized design and construction of the Jensen Chemical

Tank Conversion project, and an increase in change order authority for the Jensen Chlorine Containment Facilities contract.

13. REVIEW OF NON-PERSONAL SERVICES BUDGET

• B. Anatole Falagan, Deputy General Manager – Business

Mr. Falagan provided an overview of the Non-Personal Services Budget. This review included: 1) Water and Sewer Fund expenditure summaries (non-discretionary vs. discretionary; core activities); Trends for major cost drivers (significant contribution to rate pressures) – electric power; imported water; replenishment assessment; chemicals; 3) Budget management tools (review of discretionary accounts; review of CIP – projects and schedules; priorities and alternatives); revenue forecast; reserve balances.

Mr. Falagan advised the next steps in the budget process would be a proposed CIP overview; budget workshop (to include review of O & M, CIP; revenues; reserve balances) and then budget adoption.

14. NEW BUSINESS


Commissioner Clarke commented on various topics which included:

- The recent solar panel installation at the Long Beach Airport and urged staff to take another look at incentives being provided for solar energy conservation projects.
- The need to have tiered rates implemented.
- Requested a follow-up report on possible extension of reclaimed water lines for use by golf course and DWP near Seventh Street.
- Requested a follow-up report on alley conversion project, and stressed the need for a more aggressive program.
- Commented on old water main pipes, and the need to replace all old pipes.

Commissioner Clarke indicated to the Board that he has received reports of racial discrimination from Water Department employees.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Townsend adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m. to the next regular meeting of the Water Commission to be held May 1, 2008, in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 1800 E. Wardlow, in Long Beach, California



Paul C. Blanco, Secretary

Attest:



William B. Townsend, President