

**LONG BEACH CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
AHMED SAAFIR, PRESIDENT
MARCH 19, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Civil Service Commission was held at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 19, 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
Marilyn Hall, Executive Assistant
Salvador Ambriz, Personnel Analyst
Chris Daclan, Personnel Analyst
Leah Salgado, Personnel Analyst
Debbie McCluster, Personnel Analyst
Paola Maldonado, Personnel Analyst
Russell Ficker, Personnel Analyst
Lourdes Ferrer, Assistant Administrative Analyst
Sherriel Murry, Personnel Analyst, 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 March 12, 2008, be approved as prepared. The motion carried unanimously.

PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT: The Secretary presented a communication from Cynthia Stafford, Personnel Officer, Public Works, requesting Commission authorization to appoint Antonio Carrillo Jr., Jeff Hogan, Jose Rodriquez, Mark Winchester and Derwin Wortham, to the classification of Garage Service Attendants, on a provisional basis. In addition, the Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Leah Salgado, Personnel Analyst. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Levi, seconded by Commissioner Islas and carried that the request be granted in accordance with Civil Service Commission Policy 1.02 and Section 43 of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations. The motion carried unanimously.

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.

Civil Engineering Assistant
Public Health Professional
Senior Survey Technician

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.

Communication Specialist - 6 Applied, 6 Qualified
Deputy Chief Harbor Engineer – 3 Applied, 3 Qualified
Office Automation Analyst – 12 Applied, 8 Qualified
Office Services Assistant – 338 Applied, 108 Qualified
Public Health Physician – 1 Applied, 1 Qualified
Registered Nurse – 2 Applied, 2 Qualified
Traffic Engineering Associate – 5 Applied, 4 Qualified

EXTENSION OF EXPIRING ELIGIBLE LISTS:

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

Mechanical Engineer (3/21/07 & 3/28/07)
Office Systems Analyst
Senior Electrical Inspector
Senior Equipment Operator – Motor Grader
Senior Equipment Operator – Bulldozer
Senior Program Manager – Water
Supervisor – Facility Maintenance
Traffic Engineer

RETIREMENTS:

KNOX KENDALL/WATER UTILITY MECHANIC II/WATER

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

RESIGNATIONS:

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

Scott Mangum/Planner III/Planning & Building
Hanan Obeidi/Public Health Professional II/Health
Tonya Elliott/Senior Animal Control Officer/Health

MANAGERS' REPORT:

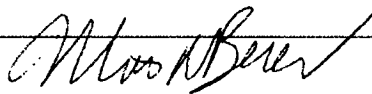
Chris Daclan, Personnel Analyst, informed the Commission that Melinda George, Employment Services Officer, was conducting a Selection Interview Training for the Leadership Supervisory Academy today. He also acknowledged Sal Ambriz, Personnel Analyst, and staff for the assistance they provided to him in the administration and scoring of the Office Services Assistant examination. They did an excellent job in completing this process.

Herman Long, Deputy Director, thanked the Recruitment Division staff for the excellent job they did in carrying out their responsibilities during his vacation and Chris Daclan, Personnel Analyst for overseeing the division.

The Secretary informed the Commission that he conducted two Employee Performance Appraisal training classes for Community Development, which went well. He also thanked Chris Daclan for acting as division manager for Melinda George, Employment Services Officer, and Herman Long, Deputy Director, during their respective vacations.

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
MARCH 26, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Civil Service Commission was held at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 26, 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
Debbie McCluster, Personnel Analyst
Paola Maldonado, Personnel Analyst
Russell Ficker, Personnel Analyst
Beverly Nieves, Personnel Analyst
Lourdes Ferrer, Assistant Administrative Analyst
Stephanie Kemp, Personnel Analyst, Human Resources

President Ahmed Saafir presided.

President Saafir took a moment of silence to acknowledge the passing of his uncle, Horace Stocker and Caprice McDonald's father, Robert Lee Hickson, Sr.

MINUTES: It was moved by Commissioner Levi, seconded by Commissioner Islas and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of March 19, 2008, be approved as prepared. The motion carried unanimously.

PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT: The Secretary presented a communication from Phil T. Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine, requesting Commission authorization to appoint Todd Leland, to the classification of Aquatics Supervisor on a provisional basis. In addition, the Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Beverly Nieves, Personnel Analyst. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Islas, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the request be granted in accordance with Civil Service Commission Policy 1.02 and Section 43 of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations. The motion carried unanimously.

PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENTS: The Secretary presented a communication from Dennis J. Thys, Director of Community Development, requesting Commission authorization to appoint Anna Castaneda and Brittany Johnson, to the classification of Housing Aide on a provisional basis. In addition, the Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Lourdes Ferrer, Assistant Administrative Analyst. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Islas, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the request be granted in accordance with Civil Service Commission Policy 1.02 and Section 43 of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Maintenance Assistant – 824 Applied, 815 Qualified
Office Services Assistant (Amended) – 338 Applied, 189 Qualified
Office Systems Analyst – 11 Applied, 10 Qualified
Registered Nurse – 2 Applied, 2 Qualified
Senior Civil Engineer – 7 Applied, 6 Qualified
Senior Traffic Engineer – 1 Applied, 1 Qualified
Systems Technician – 19 Applied, 15 Qualified
Terminal Services Representative – 76 Applied, 13 Qualified

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.

Jeremy Bobo/Accountant III/Health
Sileneka Smith/Administrative Analyst II/Public Works
Celeste Viramontes/Administrative Analyst II/Public Works

TRANSFER: **MAGGIE HONG/ACCOUNTANT I/HEALTH TO ACCOUNTANT III/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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

APPROVAL OF RELAY REPORT:

The Secretary presented a RELAY report, in response to concerns from the City Council on how the Civil Service Department provides service delivery to operating departments in meeting their staffing needs, to the Commission for approval and submittal to the Mayor and City Council. The Secretary provided an overview of the RELAY report, and requested that the Commission approve the RELAY report to be submitted to the Mayor and City Council. He also requested that the Commission direct staff to request the report be placed on the City Council agenda. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Islas, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried to approve the RELAY report and submit it to the Mayor and City Council, and to request that it be placed on the City Council agenda of April 15, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

MANAGERS' REPORT:

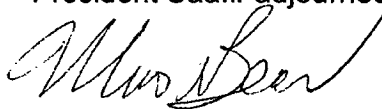
Melinda George, Personnel Analyst, thanked Russ Ficker, Personnel Analyst and staff for the excellent job they did on the Maintenance Assistant examination. She also informed the Commission that she conducted three training sessions: one Selection Interview Training for the Supervisory's Leadership Academy, and two Civil Service 101 Trainings for the Harbor Department. She thanked Donna de Araujo, Administrative Aide, Donnell Russell, Clerk Typist and Paola Maldonado, Personnel Analyst, for their assistance.

Herman Long, Deputy Director, acknowledged Deborah McCluster for the outstanding job she did in providing vital budget information for the RELAY report.

The Secretary reminded the Commission of the Cambodian New Year's Parade on April 6, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT:

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



MARIO R. BEAS
Secretary

MRB:meh

C I T Y P L A N N I N G C O M M I S S I O N M I N U T E S

F E B R U A R Y 7, 2 0 0 8

The regular meeting of the City Planning Commission and public hearing convened on February 7, 2008, at 5:02pm in the City Council Chambers, 333 W. Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, CA.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS: Leslie Gentile, Phil Saumur, Charles Durnin, Melani Smith

ABSENT: EXCUSED: Charles Greenberg

CHAIRMAN: Leslie Gentile

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig Beck, Director
Greg Carpenter, Planning Manager
Carolyn Bihn, Zoning Officer
Angela Reynolds, Advance Planning
Larry Rich, Planner
Scott Kinsey, Planner

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Mais, Deputy City Attorney
Marcia Gold, Minutes Clerk

P L E D G E O F A L L E G I A N C E

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Durnin.

M I N U T E S

The minutes of November 15, 2007 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Saumur and passed 4-0. Commissioner Greenberg was absent.

D I R E C T O R S R E P O R T

No Directors Report was given.

S W E A R I N G O F W I T N E S S E S

S T U D Y S E S S I O N
Green Ribbon Committee Presentation

Walker Wells, Consultant, Global Green USA, presented staff and committee recommendations designed to encourage sustainable construction practices in the City, which could include builder

incentives such as, expedited processing, and zoning and location-specific land-use allowances.

In response to a concern expressed by Commissioner Saumur that overly strict regulations may drive construction to neighboring cities, Mr. Wells noted that it fell more to the architects than the builder to meet the new standards. He added that historically, cities who have taken environmental and sustainability issues seriously have done well economically as a result.

Stephane Wandel, 4501 E. Conant Street, Boeing Realty, stated that they had self-imposed LEED certification requirements on their projects over 25,000 sq.ft. Mr. Wandel added that they were concerned with some elements of the Tier One mandatory greening of projects, which he felt could affect financial viability and affordability.

Vickie Talley, National Association of Industrial and Office Properties, 25241 Paseo de Alicia #120, Laguna Hills, CA, echoed Mr. Wandel's concerns.

Joe Cadelago, Building Industry Association, 28460 Avenue Stanford, Suite 110, Santa Clarita, CA 91355, asked that any program adopted by the City be consistent with similar programs elsewhere; allow ample time for compliance, and include incentives for the greening of existing buildings.

Jennifer Griffith, 833 E. Ocean Blvd., Sierra Club representative, said she felt builders were enthusiastic about the green building idea and saw it as an asset rather than a liability.

Lance Collins, 101 W. Spring Street, suggested the program be broadened to include smaller developments and single-family homes, with an educational component to inform the public and builders.

R E G U L A R A G E N D A

1. Case No. 0709-16

Applicant: Sloan Cooper c/o Lee Johnson
 Studio 9one2
Appellants: Jeff Miller, Melinda Cotton, Ron Banner
Subject Site: 4609 E. Ocean Blvd. (Council District 3)

Description: Appeal of the Zoning Administrator's decision to approve a Local Coastal Development Permit and Standards Variance for side yard setbacks of 3' (instead of 5') for construction of a new single-family dwelling.

Scott Kinsey presented the staff report recommending denial of the appeal since staff believes the applicant has the right to develop the property as other properties in the same zone are developed, and that denial would cause a hardship on the property owner by leaving a building envelope not viable for development.

Patrick Killen, Studio 9one2, 58 11th Street, Hermosa Beach, project architects, responded to the issue about post of the variance by stating that the winds had blown down the notices they posted.

Ron Banner, 181 LaVerne Avenue, co-appellant, claimed that the notice was never properly posted on the property, and stated he felt the project was inappropriate for the area and would have a negative impact on neighbors.

Jeff Miller, 158 Park Avenue, co-appellant, added that he felt the property was not unique and did not qualify for a variance.

Melinda Cotton, P. O. Box 3310, co-appellant, echoed Mr. Miller's concerns, saying the applicant should adhere to City regulations.

Architect Killen said he felt the request was reasonable and that they had added articulation to the structure to avoid a boxy shape.

In response to a query from Commissioner Saumur regarding drainage, Mr. Killen explained that there was a drain and permeable pavers in the courtyard to percolate overflow into the groundwater.

Carolyn Bihn added that notices had been mailed to property owners and tenants within a 500' radius, and the project had also been presented to the Belmont Shore Residents' Association and other hearings, which had provided a longer noticing period.

Mike Ruehle, 160 LaVerne Avenue, President, Belmont Shore Residents' Association, said he felt the Code should be changed if variances were to be granted on a regular basis.

Chairman Gentile said she did not mind the 3' setback since adjacent parcels had the same setback, but was concerned that this applicant would be enjoying the height allowed by the R-4-R Zone. Ms. Gentile noted that the applicant could have adjusted the generous hallway and staircase to try and meet the 5' setback on one side, but overall, she did not feel it was unusual for the area to have a house this size with a smaller setback.

Chairman Gentile moved to deny the appeal and to uphold the decision of the Zoning Administrator to approve the Standards Variance and Local Coastal Development Permit. Commissioner Durnin seconded the motion.

Commissioner Smith added that she didn't feel the smaller setback would make enough difference to the project to deny it.

The question was called and the motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Greenberg was absent.

2. Case No. 0704-09

Applicant: Ruben Padilla
Subject Site: 3829 Maine Avenue (Council District 7)
Description: Request for approval of a Tentative Parcel Map No. 62368 for the purpose of dividing one lot into two lots for residential development.

Carolyn Bihn presented the staff report recommending denial of the request since: (1) The proposed subdivision pattern is inconsistent with the development pattern of the neighborhood; (2) Due to the irregular lot shape and dimensions, the newly created parcel may trigger an application for a Standards Variance for development of a new single-family home; (3) The proposed lot and new residence will be the only developed parcel that will front onto Baker Street; and (4) Approval of this subdivision will create a hardship on the two neighboring properties to the east.

Wayne Carvalho, 349 Elmhurst, Fullerton, 92835, applicant representative, said they felt the project was similar in style, size and character to other homes in the neighborhood, and it would make Baker Street and the planned park safer due to increased visibility from the second home. Mr. Carvalho stated that the new lot and structure would comply with all provisions of the Code, presenting elevations and floor plans of the second

home to prove it would not require any variances. He claimed that adjacent homeowners supported the request. Fay Mandalia, 3901 Main Street, adjacent neighbor, objected to the proposed subdivision and second structure, claiming the applicant had already negatively affected her quality of life by dividing the lot and erecting a wall. Ms. Mandalia also complained that the new structure would block her driveway and parking.

Richard Guttman, 602 W. 37th Street, Wrigley Heights Neighborhood Association, expressed concern that part of the site might be contaminated by chemicals, and that approval of the subdivision would be precedent-setting and create dangerous traffic and parking problems near the proposed park.

Kendall Rainwater, 612 W. 37th Street, also objected to the request, stating that the new house would be isolated, creating a dangerous situation for the residents.

Pasqual Torres, 612 W. 39th Street, expressed support for the project, claiming it would enhance safety and prevent dumping in nearby vacant areas.

Fereti Pouli, 3602 Magnolia, also expressed support for the project, saying he felt it would benefit the community.

David McCulley, 3840 Golden Avenue, chairman, Golden Ranch Homeowners Association, stated he supported the project for reasons of resident safety since they experienced loitering, littering and various illegal activities on Baker Street.

LaWanda Reynolds, 602 W. 38th Street, expressed support for the project, saying she felt it would protect the currently blighted open space on Baker.

Bridget Najera, 3477 Cudahy Street, Huntington Park, read a statement from resident David Padilla, owner, 3833 Main Avenue, adjacent lot to the project, expressing support for the request for reasons of safety on Baker Street.

Ernie Camanaj, 3605 Magnolia Avenue, also expressed support for the applicant, saying he felt the project would enhance nearby property values.

Jeff Ohana, P. O. Box 328, Long Beach City Police officer, also spoke in support of the request, saying he hoped it would create

a sidewalk and improve the blighted area of Baker Street without causing harm to the neighbors.

Matthew Otero, 1825-1/2 E. Plymouth, North Long Beach, said he thought a new house would deter illegal activities on Baker and serve as a Neighborhood Watch for the planned park.

In response to a query from Chairman Gentile regarding responsibility for street improvements on Baker, Ms. Bihn stated that the property owner would be responsible for making any improvements adjacent to his property.

Commissioner Saumur commented that he felt the park would be an asset to the house, and that since the tract contained all types of homes, the request would not be problematic.

Chairman Gentile observed that there was still a serious concern about the new home's isolation, but with the new park, that would change.

Commissioner Durnin moved to continue the item to the March 6, 2008 meeting to allow staff time to bring back revised findings and conditions of approval. Commissioner Saumur seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Commissioner Greenberg was absent.

**M A T T E R S F R O M P L A N N I N G C O M M I S S I O N
M E M B E R S**

There were no matters from the Planning Commission.

A D J O U R N M E N T

The meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Gold
Minutes Clerk

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA
FEBRUARY 21, 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 February 21, 2008.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Townsend.

PRESENT:	William B. Townsend	Commissioner
	John Allen	Commissioner
	Paul Blanco	Commissioner
	Frank Clarke	Commissioner
	Charles Parkin	Principal Deputy City Attorney
	Kevin L. Wattier	General Manager
	Sandra L. Fox	Secretary to the Board of Water Commissioners
	Robert C. Cheng	Deputy General Manager – Operations
	B. Anatole Falagan	Deputy General Manager – Business
	Ryan J. Alsop	Director, Government & Public Affairs
	Helen Z. Hansen	Metropolitan Water District Director

ABSENT: Stephen T. Conley Commissioner (EXCUSED)

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Robert Cheng led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Townsend opened the public comment period. As there were no requests to address the Board, the public comment period was closed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 7, 2008

Upon motion by Commissioner Blanco, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously carried, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 7, 2008 were approved.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

None.

5. REVIEW BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2008

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

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

March 6, 2008	Regular Meeting – 9:15 A.M.
March 20, 2008	Regular Meeting – 7:00 P.M.

6. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT
Kevin L. Wattier, General Manager

GROUNDWATER FRAMEWORK UPDATE

Mr. Wattier provided a review of the status of the Groundwater Framework and reported there are three key issues to be resolved: 1) “Peace Treaty” consensus; 2) “Leave Behind Water” amounts (water that is unused over time); 3) “Inter-basin Transfers” (between West and Central Basin pumps). He advised the Working Group is still looking for resolution on these items.

He provided an overview of the politics regarding the Framework. He reported that a recent meeting had been held with the City Manager of Cerritos that was attended by City of Long Beach City Manager, Pat West, and himself. He advised this had not been a productive meeting, and that Cerritos appeared to have adopted an obstructionist position (similar to the City of Downey’s position), and will not agree to a Framework.

SOLAR ENERGY REPORT

Mr. Cheng provided a solar power analysis which included a review of California Solar Power Programs; the California Solar Initiative; Southern California Edison’s program details (methods; costs; incentives). He noted limitations in application of this type of program to current operations at the Treatment Plant.

Mr. Cheng advised staff would continue to evaluate how solar power fits within seawater desalination applications in the future. He reported staff would continue to monitor developments in solar programs and their possible applications at Long Beach Water Department facilities.

7. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

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

Mr. Parkin commented on the solar installation at the Long Beach Convention Center and how the recent fire of some of the panels had affected the use of the building.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

President Townsend advised that Consent Calendar item 8b. would be pulled for a presentation and separate consideration.

It was moved by Commissioner Allen, and seconded by Commissioner Clarke to approve Consent Calendar item 8a. This consent calendar item was unanimously approved.

8a. Approval of Transfer of Funds by Journal Entry Dated February 21, 2008

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

Mr. Cheng provided an overview of the California Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (CALWARN) and its purpose to allow mutual aid and assistance during emergencies. He outlined the process for obtaining assistance through this agency and pointed out the advantage of being able to access the network of agencies directly.

It was moved by Commissioner Blanco, and seconded by Commissioner Allen to approve Consent Calendar item 8b. This consent calendar item was unanimously approved.

8b. Authorize the General Manager to sign Articles of Agreement for California Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network; WARN 2007 Omnibus Mutual Assistance Agreement (CalWARN Agreement)

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

9. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES/ACTIONS/BILLS

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

Mr. Alsop reviewed the itinerary for the upcoming legislative trip to Washington, DC, February 24, 2008 – February 28, 2008, being attended by Commissioners John Allen and Paul Blanco; General Manager, Kevin Wattier; Deputy General Manager, Robert Cheng, and Director of Government & Public Affairs, Ryan Alsop. He noted major information items; commented on other events taking place (ACWA Conference); and summarized the Long Beach Water Department's main objectives for the trip.

He reported that General Manager, Kevin Wattier had been invited to testify before the Homeland Security Committee on Tuesday, February 25, 2008, while in Washington regarding chemical security in the water industry. Mr. Wattier briefly commented on the highlights of his testimony, and noted this was an important issue of national security.

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

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

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 February 12, 2008, and highlighted the following agenda items: 1) MWD Water Supply Allocation Plan Approval (that could be implemented in the event of limited supply conditions; 2) Commented on remarks made by Phillip L. Isenberg, Chairman of the Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Vision for California's Delta; 3) Reported initial payments authorized for Sacramento Valley water transfers; 4) Appropriation of \$1.77 million for Quagga Mussel Control efforts, and authorization of a new chlorine injection point at Lake Skinner Outlet Conduit; chlorine trailers for Lake Skinner and mobile chlorination units for the Colorado River Aqueduct; 5) Appropriation of \$10.2 million for replacement of MWD's 16-year old telephone system.

Director Hansen suggested that the Board of Water Commissioners receive copies of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Vision for California's Delta final report.

11. DESAL UPDATE REPORT

- **Robert C. Cheng, Deputy General Manager – Operations**

Mr. Cheng provided an update on the Long Beach Water Department Seawater Desalination Prototype Testing Phase I. He reported Phase I included six months of side-by-side testing and comparison of the Dual-Stage Nanofiltration Process (Long Beach Method) and Reverse Osmosis. He advised that Phase I testing had been completed and these tests had demonstrated that the Long Beach Method proved to be nearly 30 percent more energy efficient than Reverse Osmosis with a resulting

comparable water quality. Mr. Wattier commented that this proved the peer-reviewed invention had demonstrated the expected results in energy savings.

Mr. Cheng advised that Phase II testing would test the optimal conditions to further reduce the overall energy requirement, while maintaining high water quality standards.

12. Drought Update Report

• **B. Anatole Falagan, Deputy General Manager – Business**

Mr. Falagan provided a drought update report that included an imported water supply update; summary of annual demands; local water conservation response; three-month precipitation outlook (which forecast below normal precipitation for Northern California, Southern California and parts of the Colorado River Watershed), and a review of a timeline of issues that could affect water supplies (pumping activity due to Delta Smelt; State Water Allocations; MWD Board Allocation Plan and State & Federal biological opinions regarding Delta Smelt).

13. NEW BUSINESS

President Townsend advised that Commissioner Clarke requested to be excused from the meeting of February 7, 2008.

It was moved by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Blanco, and unanimously approved to excuse Commissioner Clarke from the February 7, 2008 board meeting.

President Townsend advised that Commissioner Conley requested to be excused from the meeting of February 21, 2008.

It was moved by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Blanco, and unanimously approved to excuse Commissioner Conley from the February 21, 2008 board meeting.

Commissioner Allen commented on a Fire Department news release advertising the 75th anniversary of the 1933 Long Beach earthquake, and inquired why a representative from the Long Beach Water Department had not been included in the panel of speakers.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Townsend adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m. to the next regular meeting of the Water Commission to be held March 6, 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

MINUTES
 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
 LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA
 MARCH 6, 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 March 6, 2008.

The meeting was called to order at 9:16 a.m. by President Townsend.

PRESENT:	William B. Townsend John Allen Paul Blanco Steve Conley Frank Clarke Charles Parkin Kevin L. Wattier Sandra L. Fox Robert C. Cheng B. Anatole Falagan Ryan J. Alsop Matthew P. Lyons Isaac C. Pai Eric Leung Melissa L. Keyes Ken Bott Dynna Long	Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner Principal Deputy City Attorney General Manager Secretary to the Board of Water Commissioners Deputy General Manager – Operations Deputy General Manager – Business Director, Government & Public Affairs Director, Planning & Conservation Director of Engineering Director of Water Resources Administrative Analyst II/Special Projects Coordinator Administrative Officer Office Administrator
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ABSENT: NONE

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

John Allen led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Townsend opened the public comment period. As there were no requests to address the Board, the public comment period was closed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 21, 2008

Principal Deputy City Attorney Parkin advised the date under item 5 needed to be changed to March 20th.

Upon motion by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Blanco and unanimously carried, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 21, 2008 were approved as corrected.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

President Townsend complimented staff on the current water conservation efforts and the results that are occurring throughout the city.

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- **Kevin L. Wattier, General Manager**

GROUNDWATER FRAMEWORK UPDATE

Mr. Wattier provided a review of the status of the Groundwater Framework and reported there was some resistance to this process from adjoining cities such as Cerritos and Downey.

He advised that the Central Basin Municipal Water District had recently been requesting focus on the Central basin alone regarding this issue.

He reported the Negotiating Committee planned to meet to finalize consensus on the issues. He advised the goal of the group is to seek an amendment of the current judgment.

WATER SUPPLY UPDATE

Mr. Wattier commented on the current effect of the Delta Smelt Ruling on pumping in the Delta.

He outlined the life cycle of these small fish:

- one year life cycle, easily disrupted
- spawn at this time of the year, in the Central Delta
- move out to Suisun Bay in July
- migrate back to Delta in December to repeat cycle

He advised the current flows at the Delta pumps had been reduced 50% - 75% to mitigate the effects on the Delta Smelt. He advised pumping decisions are being made on a weekly basis depending on conditions near the pumps.

He reported that San Luis Reservoir had been filling, but was now drafting due to restricted pumping activity. He advised that the most recent snow pack report was showing conditions at 118%, but he reported that the Department of Water Resources had not yet increased the state water supply numbers.

WASHINGTON LEGISLATIVE TRIP

Mr. Wattier advised that staff and Commissioners Allen and Blanco had a good visit to Washington, DC which included a series of meetings with legislators.

He reported that his testimony before the Homeland Security Committee regarding chemical security legislation had been successful, and the Committee had added an appropriation of \$100 million to assist water agencies in voluntarily converting their plants to using inherently safer technologies (IST).

Commissioner Allen and Commissioner Blanco made brief comments regarding the Washington, DC legislative trip.

Commissioner Conley inquired about meetings with Congressman Rohrabacher and Congressman Visclosky. Mr. Wattier commented on efforts to meet and discuss issues with both Congressmen.

UPCOMING BUDGET CYCLE

Mr. Wattier advised the Board that staff would be providing an overview of the upcoming budget for FY 08-09 at future board meetings.

6. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

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

Mr. Parkin reported that his office had received a few calls regarding complaints of noise and vibrations (and some alleged damage) related to the Under Ocean Intake project at the foot of Junipero Avenue on the beach. He advised these complaints would be handled through the normal claims process.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Commissioner Blanco, and seconded by Commissioner Allen to approve Consent Calendar item 7a. through 7f.

Commissioner Conley asked Principal Deputy City Attorney Parkin to comment on his ability to vote regarding Consent Calendar item 7b. due to his position as a Board member of the Aquarium of the Pacific. Mr. Parkin advised since this was a non-paid position for Commissioner Conley there would be no conflict for him to take action on this item.

President Townsend called for the vote. The consent calendar items were unanimously approved.

7a. Approval of Transfer of Funds by Journal Entry Dated March 6, 2008

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

7b. Authorization to Attend the Aquarium of the Pacific Tenth Anniversary Ocean Conservation Awards Gala to be held Saturday, June 14, 2008, at the Aquarium of the Pacific

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

7c. Adopt Specification WD-09-07 and authorize the General Manager to execute an Agreement with Badger Meter, Inc. to furnish and deliver water meters for items 5 – 13, 15, and 17 – 18 (as noted on attachment) in an amount not to exceed \$260,000 for a period of one year, and to exercise the options to renew during two additional one-year periods

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

7d. Adopt Specification WD-09-07 and authorize the General Manager to execute an Agreement with Neptune Technology Group Inc. (Neptune) to furnish and deliver water meters for items 2 – 4, 14, and 16 (as noted on attachment) in an amount not to exceed \$159,000 for a period of one year, and to exercise the options to renew during two additional one-year periods

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

7e. Adopt Specification WD-09-07 and authorize the General Manager to execute an Agreement with Thirkettle Corporation, dba Aqua-Metric Sales Company (Thirkettle), to furnish and deliver water meters for item 1 (as noted on the attachment) in an amount not to exceed \$178,000 for a period of one year, and to exercise the options to renew during two additional one-year periods

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

7f. Approve Retirement Order No. 6082 for Items that have Become Obsolete or Unrepairable during the current year, and authorize removal of these items from the Department's Records

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

8. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES/ACTIONS/BILLS

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

Mr. Alsop made brief comments on the recent Washington, DC legislative trip.

He reported on the lack of progress on state efforts regarding a water bond. He commented on the issue regarding Governor Schwarzenegger's idea for a peripheral canal, and how the state's leadership opposed this issue. He advised the Governor's most recent letter summarized his vision for solutions for the state addressing California's water supply issues and the environmental crisis in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

Mr. Alsop mentioned that critical water conservation bills had been introduced in the past few years.

Mr. Wattier commented on last year's bill, AB1420, which is now law (Best Management Practices) that qualifies that some agencies cannot obtain state funds for programs and projects until they comply with water conservation guidelines (BMPs). He reported that the Long Beach Water Department is one of the few agencies in the state in compliance.

9. NEW BUSINESS

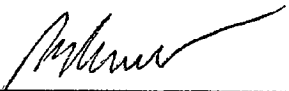
Commissioner Conley requested to be excused from the meeting of April 17, 2008. Commissioner Allen also requested to be excused from the meeting of April 17, 2008.

Commissioner Conley also requested to be excused from the meetings of May 1st and May 15th.

It was moved by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Blanco, and unanimously approved to excuse Commissioner Conley and Commissioner Allen from the April 17, 2008 board meeting; and to excuse Commissioner Conley from the May 1st and May 15th, 2008 board meetings.


14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Townsend adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m. to the next regular meeting of the Water Commission to be held March 20, 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