

**LONG BEACH CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
JEANNE KARATSU, PRESIDENT  
AUGUST 20, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Civil Service Commission was held at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 20, 2008, in the Board Room of the Commission, 333 West Ocean Boulevard, Seventh Floor, Long Beach, California.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mary Islas, F. Phil Infelise, Ahmed Saafir, Douglas Haubert

**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  
Diane Dzodin, Personnel Analyst  
Debbie McCluster, Personnel Analyst  
Caprice McDonald, Personnel Analyst  
Lourdes Ferrer, Assistant Administrative Analyst  
Ken Walker, Personnel Operations Manager, Human Resources

**Vice President Mary Islas presided.**

**MINUTES:** It was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of August 13, 2008, be approved as prepared. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**REQUEST TO EXTEND  
PROBATION:**

**GERARDO PACHECO/GAS CONSTRUCTION WORKER**

The Secretary presented a communication from Christopher J. Garner, Director of Long Beach Gas and Oil, requesting Commission approval to extend the probationary period of Gerardo Pacheco, Gas Construction Worker for three months (522 hours). In addition, the Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Herman Long, Deputy Director. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Saafir and carried that the request to extend probation be approved in accordance with Section 41(2) of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations and Section 1.01 of the Civil Service Commission Policies and Procedures. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**REQUEST FOR ORDER OF LAYOFF:**

The Secretary presented an Order of Layoff to the Commission for the Police Services Specialist, Accounting Clerk, Vector Control Specialist, Planning Aide and Community Development Analyst classifications. In addition, the Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Herman Long, Deputy Director. Mr. Long briefed the Commission regarding the layoffs. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Saafir and carried to approve the Order of Layoff as prepared and to forward it to the City Manager. The motion carried unanimously.

**BULLETINS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Haubert and carried that the following Job Opportunity Bulletins be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Public Safety Dispatcher  
Supervisor Stores and Property  
Water Conservation Specialist

**EXAMINATION RESULTS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the following examination results be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Capital Projects Coordinator – 4 Applied, 3 Qualified  
Department Librarian – 10 Applied, 3 Qualified  
General Librarian – 12 Applied, 11 Qualified  
Microbiologist – 6 Applied, 1 Qualified  
~~Petroleum Engineer~~  
Public Health Nutritionist – 4 Applied, 1 Qualified  
Transportation Planner – 46 Applied, 2 Qualified  
Water Treatment Operator (**Amended Results of 8/6/08**)  
8 Applied, 2 Qualified

**EXTENSION OF EXPIRING ELIGIBLE LISTS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Haubert and carried that the following eligible lists be extended for an additional six months. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Nurse Practitioner  
Office Systems Analyst  
Park Ranger

**RESIGNATIONS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Haubert and carried that the following resignations be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Amy Cheng/Airport Operations Assistant II/Public Works  
Nikolas Gaskins/Airport Operations Assistant II/Public Works

**SCHEDULE FOR HEARINGS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Saafir and carried that the following hearing schedule be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Suspension Appeal 07-S-78, January 14, 2009  
Suspension Appeal 11-S-78, January 21, 2009  
Reduction Appeal 13-R-78, January 28, 2009  
Suspension Appeal 15-S-78, February 4, 2009  
Reduction Appeal 18-R-78, February 11, 2009  
Suspension Appeal 17-S-78, February 18, 2009

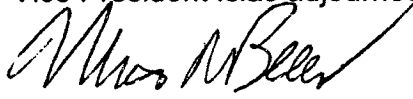
**MANAGERS' REPORT:**

Herman Long, Deputy Director, briefed the Commission regarding an employee overview meeting he attended on Monday, along with representatives from Human Resources, the Career Transition Center and EAP, to discuss layoffs and positions affected. He stated that he, and Ken Walker, Personnel Services Officer, Human Resources answered questions and concerns employees had regarding layoffs and the process.

The secretary informed the Commission that he met with Fire Department staff regarding finalizing the Fire Recruit examination process and thanked Melinda George, Employment Services Officer, and Caprice McDonald, Personnel Analyst for their work on the Fire Recruit examination process. He also informed the Commission that staff would be meeting with representatives from the Police Department to discuss the Police Recruit examination. He also stated that he had a CSAC meeting on Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, and discussed the proposed revisions to the Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mario R. Beas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

MARIO R. BEAS  
Secretary

MRB:meh

**LONG BEACH CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
JEANNE KARATSU, PRESIDENT  
AUGUST 27, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Civil Service Commission was held at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 27, 2008, in the Board Room of the Commission, 333 West Ocean Boulevard, Seventh Floor, Long Beach, California.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mary Islas, F. Phil Infelise, Ahmed Saafir, Douglas Haubert

**MEMBER EXCUSED:** Jeanne Karatsu

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Herman M. Long, Deputy Director, Acting Secretary  
Marilyn Hall, Executive Assistant  
Salvador Ambriz, Personnel Analyst  
Diane Dzodin, Personnel Analyst  
Debbie McCluster, Personnel Analyst  
Lourdes Ferrer, Assistant Administrative Analyst  
Ken Walker, Personnel Operations Manager, Human Resources

**Vice President Mary Islas presided.**

**MINUTES:** It was moved by Commissioner Haubert, seconded by Commissioner Saafir and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of August 20, 2008, be approved as prepared. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**REQUEST TO EXTEND  
PROBATION:**

**EMILIA GOMEZ/CUSTOMER SERVICE  
REPRESENTATIVE/FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

The Secretary presented a communication from Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Financial Management, requesting Commission approval to extend the probationary period of Emilia Gomez, Customer Service Representative for three months (522 hours). In addition, the Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Sal Ambriz, Personnel Analyst. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Haubert and carried that the request to extend probation be approved in accordance with Section 41(2) of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations and Section 1.01 of the Civil Service Commission Policies and Procedures. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**REQUEST FOR ORDER OF LAYOFF:**

The Secretary presented an Order of Layoff to the Commission for the Street Landscaping Supervisor, Tree Trimmer, Community Services Supervisor, Recreation Assistant and Park Ranger classifications. In addition, the Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Herman Long, Deputy Director. Mr. Long briefed the Commission regarding the layoffs. Ken Walker, Manager, Personnel Operations, Human Resources, also addressed the Commission and thanked Civil Service Department staff for the excellent work they are doing on the order of layoff. He also stated that a job fair for the employees affected by the layoff is scheduled and that Human Resources staff will be working with departments to try and place these employees into other classifications. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Haubert and carried to approve the Order of Layoff as prepared and to forward it to the City Manager. The motion carried unanimously.

**BULLETINS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the following Job Opportunity Bulletins be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Business Systems Specialist  
Police Recruit

**EXAMINATION RESULTS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Haubert and carried that the following examination results be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Civil Engineering Assistant – 1 Applied, 1 Qualified  
School Guard – 157 Applied, 119 Qualified  
Special Services Officer – 147 Applied, 110 Qualified  
Systems Technician – 15 Applied, 3 Qualified  
Water Treatment Operator – 2 Applied, 1 Qualified

**EXTENSION OF EXPIRING ELIGIBLE LISTS:**

**WELDER**

It was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the subject eligible list be extended for one month. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**RESIGNATION:**

**ANITA JUHOLA-GARCIA/PLANNER V/PLANNING & BUILDING**

It was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Haubert and carried that the subject resignation be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**MANAGERS' REPORT:**

The Secretary informed the Commission that a budget workshop was planned for next Tuesday and that City Council would begin budget deliberations at next Tuesday's meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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



HERMAN M. LONG  
Acting Secretary

HML:meh

## CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

JULY 17, 2008

The regular meeting of the City Planning Commission and public hearing convened on July 17, 2008, at 5:03pm in the City Council Chambers, 333 W. Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, CA.

**PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS:** Leslie Gentile, Phil Saumur, Charles Durnin, Charles Greenberg, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik, Becky Blair

**ABSENT: EXCUSED:** None

**CHAIRMAN:** Leslie Gentile

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Craig Beck, Director  
Greg Carpenter, Planning Bureau Manager  
Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer  
Jill Griffiths, Comprehensive Planning Officer  
Lynette Ferenczy, Planner  
Jaime Ustin, Planner  
Scott Kinsey, Planner  
Jeff Winklepleck, Planner  
Meredith Elguira, Planner

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mike Mais, Deputy City Attorney  
Dennis Eschen, Parks, Rec & Marine  
Mark Sandoval, Parks, Rec & Marine  
Jan Ostashay, Historic Preservation Officer  
Marcia Gold, Minutes Clerk

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Smith.

### DIRECTORS REPORT

Craig Beck announced that from now on, all Commission reports would be translated into Spanish.

### SWEARING OF WITNESSES



**P R E S E N T A T I O N and Item 5**  
**(Item #5 was taken out of order)**

**5. Application No. 0806-18**

Applicant: The Boeing Company c/o Walter Warden  
Subject Site: Douglas Park (District 5)

The staff report was presented by Planner Meredith Elguira, who gave a brief overview of the progress of the project to date, under the existing development agreement.

Stephane Wandel, Boeing Realty Corporation, 4501 East Conant Street, developer, outlined the master plan which he said had been designed with specific references to the site's historical significance; would create high-quality jobs, and continue to address community concerns. Mr. Wandel reiterated their commitment to a sustainable, LEED-certified development, outlining land use modification requests, and claiming the overall development would have a positive fiscal impact on the City. Mr. Wandel claimed the community would benefit greatly from the planned amenities and traffic impact mitigation measures.

Commissioner Smith moved to receive and file the report from The Boeing Company and to concur with staff's recommendation that they complied with the terms and conditions required under the Douglas Park Development Agreement, and fulfilled the requirements for the reporting period of January 2007 through December 2007. Commissioner Van Horik seconded the motion, which passed 6-0-1, with Commissioner Greenberg abstaining.

In response to queries from Commissioner Van Horik regarding hotels and retail tenants, Mr. Wandel stated that two small hotels were planned but no locations had been set; and that they would oversee retail tenant quality and avoid area duplication by choosing an experienced operator with a good track record.

In response to a query from Commissioner Greenberg regarding oversight of the project throughout its evolution, Mr. Mais stated that the City planned additional ongoing environmental reviews as the project went forward, such as the impact of rezoning and the amendment of the development agreement, and that these issues would return to the Commission for review and certification.

Mr. Greenberg said he felt that the lost on-site affordable housing should be replaced with money to build it elsewhere, but CEQA might not allow that process to be delayed.

Commissioner Durnin agreed with Commissioner Greenberg, and added that he was basically in favor of the changes since they would create more ties to public transportation. Mr. Durnin suggested there be a pedestrian connection to City College, plus electric car recharging stations on site.

In response to a query from Commissioner Saumur regarding the lots being sold to other developers, and how the resulting overall architecture could be controlled, Mr. Wandel noted the robust guidelines in place and said they'd carefully select developers with commensurate expertise. Mr. Carpenter added that any new projects on the site would be presented to the Commission.

Mr. Saumur suggested that there be some sort of internal transportation system so office employees could patronize area restaurants and retail without moving their cars.

Commissioner Smith expressed concern that the plans were less pedestrian-friendly than before, although there was a lot of distributed open space, and agreed there should be a comfortable, easy crossing of Lakewood Boulevard to engage the college population.

Commissioner Blair praised the project and concept, noting that the City needed this kind of high-end retail and office space with good rental rates.

Chairman Gentile expressed concern that although the previous plan contributed much-needed park and open space to the City, it was now distributed in smaller parcels among the office buildings for private use, and she didn't want to lose the opportunity for a larger, functional park space. Mr. Wandel said their intent was to not concentrate all open space into a large park area but rather to distribute smaller parklike areas around the entire site.

#### **C O N S E N T   C A L E N D A R**

Item #1 was removed to the regular agenda for discussion.

Commissioner Durning moved to approve Item 2 as presented by staff. Chairman Gentile seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**1. Application No. 0804-22**

Applicant: T-Mobile USA, Inc.  
Subject Site: 3341 E. 59<sup>th</sup> Street (District 9)

Removed to Regular Agenda for discussion.

**2. Application No. LDR-08**

Applicant: City of Long Beach  
Subject Site: Citywide

Recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution self-certifying the Local Development Report and its conformance with the Congestion Management Program.

**R E G U L A R   A G E N D A**

**1. Application No. 0804-22**

Applicant: T-Mobile USA, Inc.  
Subject Site: 3341 E. 59<sup>th</sup> Street (District 9)

Scott Kinsey presented the staff report recommending approval of the request since the proposed monopole is located in a way to cause the least amount of impact to nearby residents and is separated from nearby homes by buildings in an institutional zone.

Commissioner Saumur noted that there were three brand-new telecommunications poles about a quarter mile away and asked why those couldn't be used for co-location instead. Mr. Kinsey replied that those poles were outside of the applicant's search area.

Tim Miller, 5912 Bolsa Suite 202, Huntington Beach, applicant, added that their search area was to the northeast of the existing poles, and that their new digital technology was much safer.

Commissioner Saumur moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit for the construction of a new 65' high wireless

telecommunications monopole disguised as a pine tree (monopine).  
Chairman Gentile seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

**(Item #9 was taken out of order)**

**9. Application No. 0710-13**

Applicant: City of Long Beach Dept. of Parks,  
Recreation & Marine  
c/o Tony Morera, Martinez Architects  
Subject Site: 1550 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue and  
1044 E. 16<sup>th</sup> Street (District 6)

Lynette Ferenczy presented the staff report recommending approval of the zone change since it would allow expansion of the existing community center, create a new teen center perimeter fencing; enhance security, and upgrade park areas to benefit the entire community.

Dennis Eschen, Manager, Planning Bureau, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, stated that the expansion would serve all ages for sports and picnics and create more teen and senior activities.

Commissioner Blair moved to recommend that the City Council approve the rezoning of 1044 E. 16<sup>th</sup> Street from R-3-4 to Park in order to expand the California Recreation Center and to approve a Site Plan Review, Standards Variances and Lot Merger to allow the construction of a teen center, addition to the existing community center and associated improvements. Commissioner Greenberg seconded the motion, which passed 5-0. Commissioners Gentile and Smith did not hear or vote on the item due to conflict of interest.

**(Item #7 was also taken out of order)**

**7. Application No. 0802-01**

Applicant: Mark Sandoval, City of Long Beach Dept. of  
Parks, Recreation & Marine  
Subject Site: 5255 Paoli Way (District 3)

Lynette Ferenczy presented the staff report recommending denial of the appeals and upholding of the decision of the Zoning Administrator since the fence removal and alteration would not impact the public's use of the facility and would increase public access.

Mark Sandoval; Manager, Marinas and Beaches, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, presented aerial photos of the site showing the disputed section of fence and public beach access areas. Mr. Sandoval stated that the fence removal had been proposed not by the City, but rather by adjacent residents, along with a petition showing support for the project, and that neither appellant lived near the site.

Kerrie Aley, no address given, appellant, stated that removing the fence would allow traffic access to and from the venue, negatively affecting area residents.

Larry Goodhue, P. O. Box 14464, Long Beach, appellant, agreed that the fence should be upgraded but not removed.

Allen Songer, 279 Park Avenue, spoke against the staff recommendation, objecting to the staff's survey results and saying he felt the fence should stay.

Lee Lawrence, 5347 Paoli Way, said he felt the fence was unsightly and unsafe and should be replaced since total removal could result in unsafe pedestrian and vehicle activity.

John Yeamans, 5379 Paoli Way, stated he was in favor of the staff recommendation since there was landscaping and a road between the stadium and adjacent property owners. Mr. Yeamans suggested removing the fence and setting a hearing in a year to see what the effect had been.

Matthew Duggan, 382 Hanan Drive, said he felt this was two different projects since there were two specific sections of fence in question, and he suggested that one half of the fence be replaced so neighbors on the other side could see its effect.

Jim Haag, 5367 Paoli Way, spoke against removing the fence since he felt it brought security to both the stadium and the adjacent homes, with the walkway between the homes and beach providing sufficient public access.

Frank Foellmer, 5383 E. Paoli Way, adjacent resident, spoke in favor of removing the fence since it impeded adjacent residents' beach access, and suggested that the rare event parking problems be discussed with the event producers.

Robert Candelaria, 5399 Paoli Way, resident near launch ramp, said he thought the fence should be replaced, not totally

removed, and that he had a letter from four other neighbors in support of his suggestion.

Steve and Linda Childers, 5303 E. Paoli Way, spoke in favor of the staff recommendation to remove the fence.

Carol Hill, 5357 Paoli Way, also spoke in favor of the staff recommendation, saying she did not anticipate any negative aspects as a result.

Acting Chairman Saumur polled the audience for those who had not yet spoken, and counted six attendees in support of the staff recommendation and six who were against it.

Appellant Goodhue claimed that the neighborhood wanted the fence to stay in place.

Mr. Sandoval stated that some residents were much more impacted by the fence than others.

Appellant Aley objected to Mr. Sandoval's claim that she didn't live in the area, saying she still lived close enough to be impacted by stadium events.

Commissioner Durnin said the fence seemed contrary to the Citywide policy of public access, and that staff's recommendation, coming after months of research, could be re-addressed in one year.

Commissioner Blair agreed that the public process had been transparent and both sides seemed to win with the targeted recommendation.

Commissioner Greenberg noted this was merely a minor skirmish in a battle since the Marine Stadium was built and that there had always been disagreements between residents affected by the public events and those who were not. Because of the difference of opinion as to whether the facility should be run as per the property owners or as a public asset, Mr. Greenberg agreed that the staff recommendation was a good compromise.

Commissioner Greenberg then moved to deny the appeals and to uphold the decision of the Zoning Administrator to approve a Local Coastal Development Permit to (1) Remove 1,500 linear feet of existing chain link fence six feet high between Bayshore Avenue and La Verne Avenue to (2) To remove and replace 1,850 linear feet of chain link fence between La Verne Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup>

Street with a similar height wrought iron fence on the southwest side of Marine Stadium. Commissioner Blair seconded the motion, which passed 5-0. Commissioners Gentile and Smith did not hear or vote on the item due to conflict of interest.

**3. Application No. 0803-02**

Applicant: One Stop Truck Parts, Inc.  
Subject Site: 609-665 W. Cowles Street (District 1)

Jeff Winklepleck presented the staff report recommending approval of the request since additional conditions of approval have been added to mitigate staff and community concerns about parking impacts, on-site installations, loading and unloading without blocking the street; prohibition of site rental, and posting of a contact sign in case of operational concerns.

Annie Greenfeld, 1951 Chestnut Avenue, representing Magnolia Industrial Group, objected to the approval saying that there have been serious traffic and safety issues at the site with no enforcement recourse available.

Alfredo Baracas, One Stop Truck Parts, Inc., 609-665 W. Cowles Street, applicant, said he had rented a nearby property to address storage issues and was trying to keep his trucks out of the street even though there was little truck parking in the industrial area.

Commissioner Van Horik stated she had visited the site and found it too packed to park on. Ms. Van Horik also suggested that the conditioned contact signs be in both English and Spanish.

Commissioner Smith agreed that the designated parking area was full of containers and was too crowded for the specified operations under those conditions.

Commissioner Saumur said he'd also visited the site in June and found it very crowded.

Mr. Winklepleck noted that a condition could be added prohibiting truck and container storage on site, and Mr. Carpenter added that additional space had already been conditioned in response to area concerns.

Commissioner Van Horik suggested that conditions require 11 on-site parking spaces be painted and reserved for deliveries and retail.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit, with amendments regarding striped parking and multi-lingual signage, to permit the operation of a 6,300 sq.ft. retail truck parts store. Commissioner Van Horik seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**(Item #8 was taken out of order)**

**8. Application No. 0803-11**

Applicant: Sophia Sandoval  
Subject Site: 2142 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street (District 2)

In response to a query from Commissioner Saumur, Planner Ustin noted that the applicant's operating hours had been limited to avoid conflict with the nearby school.

Commissioner Blair moved to approve a Conditional Use Permit request to allow the sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption, as well as limited wine tasting by the glass, in conjunction with a new retail store. Commissioner Saumur seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**4. Negative Declaration 33-07**

Applicant: Long Beach Redevelopment Agency  
Subject Site: (Districts 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9)

Craig Beck presented the staff report supporting eminent domain use by the Redevelopment Agency to rehabilitate blighted areas in the specific project area.

In response to a query from Commissioner Smith regarding the duration of the recommendation, Mr. Beck stated it would cover actions through 2028.

Commissioner Smith then moved to adopt a resolution making a report and recommendation to the Redevelopment Agency and the City Council regarding adoption of the proposed Second Amendment to the Redevelopment Plan for the North Long Beach Redevelopment Projects.



Chairman Gentile seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.  
Commissioners Saumur and Blair were not present due to conflict  
of interest.

**5. Application No. 0806-18**

***(Taken out of order at the beginning of the Regular Agenda)***

**6. Application No. 0510-03**

Applicant: Press-Telegram Lofts c/o Jim Brophy  
Subject Site: 604 Pine Avenue (District 1)

Current Planning Officer Derek Burnham presented the staff report recommending approval of the modification since the project has the potential to be an asset and serve as an anchor to the northern part of downtown, improving the project design and resulting in a development that is suitable to the project site and surrounding area. Mr. Burnham also showed photos of the proposed setbacks and design treatment of the Meeker-Baker building.

Commissioner Greenberg said he felt it was a good project except for the reduction in the unit size, and asked what percentage of the units were slated for low and moderate income housing. Director Beck noted that market-driven projects did not request City assistance so they did not need to meet low income housing requirements.

Historic Preservation Officer Jan Ostashay explained that the Cultural Heritage Commission had originally approved the Certificate of Occupancy with the two towers, but reversed their approval when the project design was changed, citing compatibility and setback issues, and finding that the project was too high and no longer subservient to the Meeker-Baker Building.

Bob Stemler, 400 Oceangate, applicant, said they felt the new project was better than the originally approved two tower one. He added that the new project was not now affecting the Press Telegram building, and gave an historical accent to the City block.

David Marshall, Heritage Architecture and Planning, 625 Broadway, #800, San Diego, CA, historic architect, disagreed with the issues brought up by the Cultural Heritage Commission, saying he felt the new design was complimentary and subservient to original building.

Jim Brophy, 640 Pine Ave., applicant, in response to a query from Commissioner Durnin regarding parking and alternative transportation, said they were planning many such options, including shared rental cars for residents, smart cars, golf carts for short runs, and allocated spaces for shared ride and alternative energy fueled vehicles.

Commissioner Van Horik said she felt the project was a wonderful addition to that block, but was concerned about its height, parking and smaller unit sizes, and she asked why the project couldn't work without the requests for modifications.

Mr. Brophy explained that the original property zoning made the development infeasible financially in terms of unit size and parking needs.

Mr. Beck pointed out that staff supported the variance requests and felt that zoning restrictions downtown would soon be changed to address area needs consistent with development requests. Mr. Beck added that this applicant was planning to sell a specific number of units at cost to the University for their use.

Chairman Gentile commended the developer of the project for their commitment to making the project work for residents, and said there should be better developer guidelines for adaptive reuse projects.

Commissioner Greenberg agreed it was a wonderful project for that location and area, and much needed, but that he was personally sorry the unit sizes had been reduced.

Brian Hajjan, KMA Architects, 1515 Morena Blvd, San Diego, historic architect, outlined several conditions that they found confusing, including those regarding setbacks, shopkeeper entrances, parking and open space.

Darryl Newcomb, 730 Pine Avenue, resident, spoke in support of the staff recommendation, saying he was very impressed with the project and felt parking was adequate. Mr. Newcomb said the additional height was a little problematic but overall it was a good addition to the area.

Chairman Gentile said she felt this was an exciting project and a good solution for the Meeker-Baker Building, much better than the previous design.

Commissioner Saumur moved to approve a modification to the approved request for Site Plan Review and Standards Variances; to overturn the determination of the Cultural Heritage Commission regarding treatment of an historic landmark; to adjust the conditions of approval as recommended by staff, and to adopt the Resolution certifying the addendum to the EIR.

Commissioner Greenberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

7. **Application No. 0802-01**  
*(Taken out of order earlier in the Regular Agenda)*

8. **Application No. 0803-11**  
*(Taken out of order earlier in the Regular Agenda)*

9. **Application No. 0710-13**  
*(Taken out of order earlier in the Regular Agenda)*

**R E P O R T   O N   O T H E R   D E P A R T M E N T  
M A T T E R S**

There were no reports on other Departmental Matters.

**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 10:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Gold  
Minutes Clerk

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA  
AUGUST 7, 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 August 7, 2008.

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by President Townsend.

PRESENT:	William B. Townsend	Commissioner
	John Allen	Commissioner
	Steve Conley	Commissioner
	Frank Clarke	Commissioner
	Charles Parkin	Principal Deputy City Attorney
	Sandra L. Fox	Secretary to the Board of Water Commissioners
	Robert C. Cheng	Deputy General Manager – Operations
	Ryan J. Alsop	Director, Government & Public Affairs
	Paul T. Fujita	Director of Finance
	Isaac C. Pai	Director of Engineering
	Robert Verceles	Division Engineer
	Melissa L. Keyes	Administrative Analyst III/Special Projects Coordinator
	Greg Sorensen	Administrative Analyst III
	Terry McAlpine	Administrative Analyst III
	Chris Daclan	Administrative Analyst III
ABSENT:	Paul Blanco	Commissioner (EXCUSED)

## 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Stephen Conley led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 24, 2008

Upon motion by Commissioner Clarke, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously carried, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 24, 2008 were approved.

## 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

**4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

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

President Townsend reminded the Board members of the mandatory ethics training they must complete before the end of 2008 to remain on the Board of Water Commissioners. He referred them to the memo in their cubbies from the City Clerk which included directions on how to complete this training online.

**5. ACTING GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

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

NEWS ARTICLES REGARDING WATER STORAGE ISSUES

Mr. Cheng referred the Board members to news articles in their cubbie files related to dwindling water supplies.

PROPOSED AUGUST 12, 2008 COUNCIL ITEM RELATED TO CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Mr. Cheng mentioned a proposed August 12, 2008 City Council agenda item from Councilwoman Shipske regarding suggested Charter Amendments. He pointed out a section of the letter regarding Water and Gas Utility Fund transfers to the General Fund.

There were some comments made regarding legality of this type of transfer as it relates to Water Department funds due to the restrictions of Proposition 218.

CHANGE ORDERS FOR EMPIRE LANDING PROJECT

Mr. Cheng reported in compliance with Board Policy 1994-23, that the total change orders for the Empire Landing Project had exceeded 15% (for a total of \$27,752.39). He advised that the change orders were due in part to unmarked utilities encountered during the construction period causing additional costs to be incurred.

Mr. Pai also provided background on the slurry seal challenges at this job site related to refuse trucks turning around in cul-de-sacs.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

It was moved by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Clarke and unanimously approved to approve Consent Calendar items 6a. through 6e.

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

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

**6b. Authorize the General Manager to Execute the First Amendment to the Right-of-Entry Permit with Shell Oil Products US to Extend the Term Five Years from June 30, 2008 to June 30, 2013**

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

**6c. Authorize the General Manager to Sign an Agreement with MWH Americas, Inc., to Provide Construction Inspection/Management Services for the Rehabilitation of North Long Beach 9 and 11 Water Wells in the amount not-to-exceed \$140,300 for the period ending December 31, 2009**

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

**6d. Adopt Specifications WD-02-08 for the Rehabilitation of North Long Beach 9 and 11 Water Wells and Authorize the General Manager to Sign a Construction Contract with General Pump Company, Inc., in the amount of \$434,650**

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

**6e. Authorization to attend the Long Beach Branch NAACP 29<sup>th</sup> Freedom Fund Banquet & Awards Presentation, October 17, 2008**

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

**7. STAFF REPORT ON TIERED WATER RATE INVESTIGATION**

- **Isaac Pai, Director of Engineering (Recycled Water Update Report)**

Mr. Pai reviewed a map of the LBWD recycled water system. He provided information on a possible Phase 2 reclaimed water expansion to large potential users such as the LADWP Power Plant and the AES Power Plant. He reported that User Agreements had not yet been executed. He also advised the estimated construction cost for this project to be \$4.2 million. He reviewed the scope of work for this project which included 9,000 feet of 12-inch pipe; one river crossing and one freeway crossing.

There was general discussion regarding the reclaimed water program and its possible expansion. There were also comments made regarding the availability of confirmed quantities of reclaimed water for current and future customers. Mr. Cheng, Deputy General Manager – Operations, advised the Long Beach Water Department has been tracking recycled water demand versus recycled water availability the past few

months during the peak demand period. He reported that when this study had been completed staff would report back to the Board with the results.

There was discussion regarding the possibility of having future large recycled water customers share in the cost of possible expansion of the Leo J. Vander Lans Water Treatment Facility.

There were technical questions raised about the split of water volume used by power plants for boilers or their once-through cooling systems. Mr. Pai advised at this preliminary point he did not have this type of information available for the LADWP Power Plant nor the AES Power Plant.

Commissioner Clarke suggested that staff needed to explore options for reducing the construction timeframe for future recycled water projects.

Mr. Pai also provided information on a possible Phase 4 reclaimed water expansion to the Port naming large potential users like the Long Beach SERRF Generation Plant; the Long Beach Generation Power Plant and possibly the Port of Long Beach. He advised User Agreements had not yet been executed. He reported the estimated construction cost for this project to be \$16 million. He also reviewed the scope of work for this project which included 33,000 feet of 12-inch pipe; 5,000 feet of 8-inch pipe and two river crossings.

There were technical questions raised about the quality of water required by power plants for boilers or their once-through cooling systems. Mr. Pai advised at this preliminary point he did not have this type of information available for the Long Beach SERRF Generation Plant; the Long Beach Generation Power Plant or the Port of Long Beach.

Commissioner Allen inquired if LBWD did complete the proposed East side recycled water project (AES; DWP) or West side recycled water project (Port; SERFF; Power Plant) how much of a percentage would these two projects contribute to the total projected recycled water portfolio goal of 12%. Staff advised they would report back to the Board in the future on this issue when they had additional data from the potential users.

Commissioner Clarke expressed his unease that the LBWD may have deceived the community by making promises to certain neighborhoods regarding the future availability of reclaimed water for landscape uses.

Mr. Alsop responded that the LBWD had one of the more successful reclaimed water projects in the region. He advised that the feasibility of making reclaimed water available throughout the city depended on demand, availability of reclaimed water, and the cost factors of installing the infrastructure for these types of projects.

- **Paul Fujita, Director of Finance – (Water Rate Issues)**

Mr. Fujita provided a briefing on the development approach for a non-residential tiered rate structure. He reviewed the requirements and process required to establish an interim, additional tier for non-residential rates. He advised the investigation would encompass both financial and legal analysis to establish options for Board consideration.

Mr. Fujita reviewed the purpose/objective of rate analysis. He pointed out that best practices/industry standards would establish an equitable rate structure for recovery of costs of providing water service; it would establish rates for customer categories commensurate with cost of providing service to each class of customer; and it documents the methodology used and justification for the rate structure.

He reviewed the five steps in the rate design process: 1) Financial planning – review and project revenue requirements; review user classes, accounts and usage; 2) Cost of service analysis – allocate revenue requirements to functional cost components: e.g. base, max day and max hour; 3) determine unit costs of components; 4) determine user class costs; and 5) Revenue analysis/rate design – design rate structure.

Mr. Fujita then briefed the Board on cost of service categories – methodology which included: 1) Cost of service to be allocated – revenue requirements; 2) Review and determination of functional cost components – range of categories; 3) Base-Extra Capacity Method – total cost of water service analyzed by system facilities function (base costs – average day use; excess capacity costs – max day, max hour; customer costs – meters and services, billing and collections and fire protection).

He reviewed cost allocation: 1) Allocation to cost components (plant investment – allocation based on assigning system peaking factors for base, excess capacity); operation and maintenance and capital improvement costs; 2) Allocation of costs to customer classes (classes based on similar service requirements – develop unit cost of service for each cost category; Units of service - Base – average daily water use by class (HCF); Excess Capacity – rate of usage (HCF/day); Customer costs – accounts, meters; 3) Revenue Analysis/Rate Design (nexus with cost recovery for customer class.

Mr. Fujita advised that the City Attorney would provide a legal assessment of a proposed tiered rate structure to ensure compliance with Proposition 218 guidelines and case history of rate designs, and assess risk/exposure with the options developed.

There was general discussion regarding pricing water like other commodities. There was also discussion regarding the need to hire a consultant to perform a cost of service study.



Mr. Parkin, Principal Deputy City Attorney, communicated to the Board that in order for the establishment of tiered rates, the Water Department must conduct a cost of service study. He advised this cost of service study is a requirement of Proposition 218 and must include at a minimum; a review of the best practices and industry standards to help establish an equitable rate structure for the recovery of the cost of providing water and water service, a review of all customers rate categories, and the documentation of the methodology used and justification for the new rate structures. This process requires a complete review of the existing rates.

President Townsend called for staff to report back to the board at the August 21, 2008, Board meeting with a specific timeline for all steps needed in the water rate investigation process, including would the proposed rate study be completed by staff, or would a consultant be hired; and a specific timeline on when this cost of study service would be completed.

#### **8. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES/ACTIONS/BILLS**

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

Mr. Alsop reported that bill AB 885 (Calderon), proposing appointment of Alternate Metropolitan Water District Directors had passed the Senate, and was scheduled to be considered by the Assembly. He said the bill once passed would then be sent to the Governor for his signature. He advised this was a win for Long Beach as the city had been one of the key proponents of this bill.

Mr. Alsop advised the Proposition 218 Public Hearing notice had been mailed to the ratepayers in the City of Long Beach. He reminded the Board that the Public Hearing was scheduled to be held at the Treatment Plant at 2950 Redondo Avenue on September 18, 2008 at 7:00 P.M.

#### **9. NEW BUSINESS**

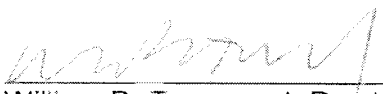
President Townsend reminded the Board members regarding the upcoming Urban Water Institute Conference scheduled for August 13<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup> in San Diego, California.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Townsend adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m. to the next regular meeting of the Water Commission to be held August 21, 2008, in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 1800 E. Wardlow, in Long Beach, California.

  
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Paul C. Blanco, Secretary

Attest:

  
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William B. Townsend, President

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA  
AUGUST 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 August 21, 2008.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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
	Ryan J. Alsop	Director, Government & Public Affairs
	Eric Leung	Director of Water Resources
	Paul T. Fujita	Director of Finance
	Dynna Long	Office Administrator
ABSENT:	Steve Conley	Commissioner (EXCUSED)

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Paul Blanco led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

August 7, 2008

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

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**4. REVIEW BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2008**

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

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

September 4, 2008	Regular Meeting – 9:15 A.M.
September 18, 2008	Regular Meeting – 7:00 P.M. - Cancelled
September 18, 2008	Special Meeting – Rate Public Hearing – 7:00 P.M.

**5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

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

President Townsend commented on the LBWD “sticky note” advertisement on his recent *Los Angeles Times* newspaper reminding Long Beach residents regarding the water conservation guidelines in effect.

President Townsend also commented on an August 9, 2008 *Los Angeles Times* article regarding synthetic turf and it not currently being allowed in five Orange County cities due to current city regulations. He asked the Secretary to the Board to provide the Board members with a copy of this article.

President Townsend and Vice President Allen reported on their attendance at the recent Urban Water Institute, Inc. annual Water Conference held in San Diego, CA August 13 – 15, 2008.

Vice President Allen advised the session on water budgeting and tiered rates was very enlightening. He also commented on Article 10, Section 2 of the Water Code (Conservation of Water Resources).

President Townsend provided a brief synopsis of the sobering comments made at the conference by Dr. Bruce Abernethy regarding the Australian drought conditions, and some of their solutions to this crisis. He noted that Australia is heavily into desalinization of water.

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

RESERVOIR STORAGE UPDATE

Mr. Wattier reviewed graphs indicating historic low water levels for the Northern California reservoirs (Oroville; Shasta and San Luis). He advised these historic low levels would probably be reached by August 22, 2008.

Mr. Wattier also reviewed a graph showing that the San Luis Reservoir level was below the historic low point of 300,000 AF. He advised projections are for this level to reach 200,000 AF and then hopefully begin to recover in October and November, 2008. He advised these historic low levels have exacerbated the water quality at this reservoir.

#### AUGUST 19, 2008 MAYOR/COUNCIL BUDGET BRIEFING

Mr. Wattier reported that LBWD staff had not been able to provide their FY 2009 budget briefing at the August 19, 2008 budget workshop as planned, as time had run out before they had gotten to the LBWD budget briefing on their agenda. He invited the Board to return to the budget workshop now scheduled for August 26, 2008 at 3:30 P.M., when the LBWD FY 2009 budget presentation will be presented.

#### METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT (MWD) LONG RANGE FINANCE PLAN MEETING

Mr. Wattier advised the MWD had recently held a meeting on their Long Range Finance Plan. He advised they were still developing this plan, but a lot of variables were making it difficult to project beyond the next couple of years. He advised they are currently focusing on the 2010 rate increase, which is projected to be announced as a possible 14.3% increase in January 2009. He advised MWD was projecting an increase of 15% with "normal conditions considered" in developing this increase. Mr. Wattier reported he sees a possible increase of 20 – 25% increase instead due to increased costs and current environmental conditions.

#### STOLEN FIRE HYDRANTS

Mr. Wattier reported that over the last month a total of seven fire hydrants were stolen in the Northwest area of Long Beach. He advised staff is working with police and the media to apprehend the thieves. He advised the replacement fire hydrants cost \$1,300 each.

He reported that the cities of Lakewood and Paramount had also been experiencing these same types of thefts.

#### METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT FOUR-MILE TUNNEL BREAKTHROUGH

Mr. Wattier reported that on Wednesday, August 20, 2008, a 450-foot tunnel-boring machine emerged from under the San Bernardino Mountains, creating a nearly four-mile tunnel as part of a Metropolitan Water District large-diameter regional water line that is projected to help improve the quality and reliability of imported water serving nearly 19 million Southern Californians.

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

It was moved by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Clarke and unanimously approved to approve Consent Calendar items 7a. and 7b.

**7a. Approval of Transfer of Funds by Journal Entry Dated August 21, 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 2008 Headwaters to Oceans (H2O) Conference, October 28 – 30, 2008, to be held at the Westin Hotel in Long Beach, California**

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

**8. REPORT OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT (MWD) BOARD MEETING ON AUGUST 19, 2008**

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

Mr. Wattier noted that Metropolitan Water District (MWD) Director Lowenthal was unable to attend the Water Commission Board meeting so he proceeded to provide a brief summary of the main actions taken by the Metropolitan Board at their August 19, 2008 board meeting.

He advised the MWD Board awarded a three-year contract to Fraser Communications for conservation advertising and payment for the placement of advertising for up to \$5 million per year.

Mr. Wattier advised that Lester Snow, Director of Department of Water Resources made a presentation to the MWD Board regarding California's water supply situation and drought actions. Mr. Wattier reported Mr. Snow painted a very bleak picture for water supplies for the coming year. He also reported that Director Snow discussed the importance of supporting Governor Schwarzenegger's and Senator Feinstein's proposed water bond, and said that maintaining the Delta status quo is not an option.

Mr. Wattier advised that Director Lowenthal had requested that an annexation to the Eastern Municipal Water District be withdrawn from the August 19<sup>th</sup> MWD board agenda pending receipt of additional information regarding the water agency's compliance with all Conservation Best Management Practices (BMPs) as required.

Commissioner Clarke inquired if MWD had a guideline for agencies requesting annexations to demonstrate a supply of adequate water. Mr. Wattier advised that the

agencies were required to have a current Urban Water Management Plan, but the main requirement was compliance with all Conservation BMPs.

## **9. RECYCLED WATER UPDATE**

- **Eric Leung, Director of Water Resources**

Mr. Leung provided a briefing on the Long Beach Water Department Recycled Program which included a report on the historical recycled water demands for the period 2006 – 2007. He also provided a report on 2008 demands and potential future demands if additional customers were to switch to recycled water for their plants. He reviewed a chart indicating the availability and demands for recycled water, which indicated that during the periods for July and August that production and demand for recycled water were at their peak. He advised that as the plant is currently configured the supply output is at its maximum capacity, which will not currently allow for any new customers to use recycled water.

Mr. Wattier provided a background report on the operating problems experienced at the recycled plant over the past three years, which includes membrane fouling due to a chemistry problem that has not yet been resolved. He advised the plant is currently working at 75 – 80% of capacity, and has been operating for three weeks at this level which is unprecedented.

There was general discussion regarding the operating process, and possible suggestions to resolve some of these issues.

There was discussion regarding having additional LBWD customers convert to recycled water. Mr. Wattier reported that currently there was no extra recycled water available in the summer months (the peak time of demand) for new customers.

President Townsend inquired how other agencies are doing regarding recycled water. Mr. Wattier reported that Irvine is doing better than Long Beach, but that the City of Los Angeles water portfolio only included 1% recycled water.

Mr. Leung reviewed the process of the recycled water supply system as it is currently being utilized at the Leo Vander Lans plant. He advised that LBWD staff is working with the Los Angeles County Sanitation District to find operational and/or physical solutions to produce more recycled water. There was a discussion regarding the staff and the Board President meeting with the Water Replenishment District to discuss this matter also.

## **10. TIERED WATER RATE INVESTIGATION TIMELINE**

- **Paul Fujita, Director of Finance**

Mr. Fujita provided a briefing on a Cost of Service Study Approach and Timeline. He advised staff recommended utilizing a consultant to provide the industry expertise, and best practices approach for the cost of service study.

He reviewed the estimated timeline as follows: 1) Request for Proposal issued; responses received – mid-December 2008; 2) Vendor evaluation, selection, contract finalized – end of January 2008; 3) Study completion, recommendations to Board for interim 3<sup>rd</sup> tier non-residential rate – May – June 2009.

He reported the cost of service study was to include: 1) New rate structure analysis and recommendations for implementation with new Customer Service Information (CIS) Utility Billing System; 2) Sewer and Reclaimed Cost of Service Studies; 3) Spreadsheet based model in electronic format which would allow in-house staff to update study, evaluate future revenue requirements and perform rate modeling.

Mr. Fujita estimated the cost for this study to be approximately \$100,000 based on reports from other agencies.

Vice President Allen inquired if individual rates could be established for each customer. Mr. Fujita advised this would be included in the cost of service study.

Commissioner Clarke asked when the Proposition 218 hearing would be held to consider these new rates. Mr. Wattier reported that these rates would probably be considered as part of the annual Proposition 218 hearing process for 2009.

## **11. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES/ACTIONS/BILLS**

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

Mr. Alsop reported that bill AB 885 (Calderon) proposing appointment of Alternate Metropolitan Water District Directors, had been passed by both the Senate, and the Assembly. He said the bill would now be passed onto the Governor, and he expected the Governor to eventually sign the bill after the state budget process had been completed and adopted.

Commissioner Clarke complimented staff on their work on behalf of this bill.

## **12. NEW BUSINESS**

President Townsend advised that Commissioner Conley asked to be excused from the meeting due to an out of town family emergency.

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




President Townsend announced that Board elections would be scheduled for the September 4, 2008 meeting, due to the upcoming Rate Public Hearing being held on September 18, 2008. He advised the new President would take office at the first meeting in October 2008.

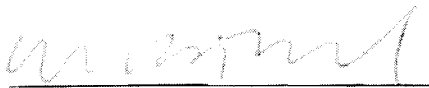
President Townsend suggested adjusting the October board meeting schedule with board meetings set for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month due to the upcoming MWD State Water Project tour set for October 2, 2008. He advised the adjusted October meeting schedule would be brought to the board at the September 4, 2008 meeting for consideration.

### 13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Townsend adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m. to the next regular meeting of the Water Commission to be held September 4, 2008, in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 1800 E. Wardlow, in Long Beach, California.

  
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Paul C. Blanco, Secretary

Attest:

  
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William B. Townsend, President