

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE HARBOR DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AT 925 HARBOR PLAZA, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2006, AT 1 P.M.

Present: Commissioners: Walter, Hancock, Cordero, Topsy-Elvord
Absent: " Hankla

Also present:

R. D. Steinke	Executive Director
G. Knatz	Managing Director
S. B. Rubin	Managing Director
T. Teofilo	Managing Director
G. T. Hein	Executive Officer to the Board
D. A. Thiessen	Chief Harbor Engineer
T. K. Whitesell	Director of Administration
H. C. Morris	Director of Communications
M. J. Slavin	Chief Financial Officer
D. L. Albrecht	Director of Information Management
R. Rich	Director of Maintenance
L. L. Cottrill	Manager of Master Planning
K. J. McDermott	Director of Properties
C. Perrone	Director of Security
D. B. Snyder	Director of Trade & Maritime Services
C. A. Kemp	Director of Community Relations
D. T. Holzhaus	Principal Deputy City Attorney

PRESIDENT TOPSY-ELVORD PRESIDED AS CHAIRPERSON.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Upon motion by Commissioner Walter, seconded by Commissioner Cordero and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of January 9, 2006, were declared read and approved as read.

PUBLIC COMMENTS.

There was no one present to address the Board.

PRESENTATION BY HISTORICAL SOCIETY LONG BEACH

Mr. Roger Powell, President of the Historical Society Long Beach introduced Dr. Geoff Gatling, Treasurer, and Ms. Julie Bartolotto, Executive Director.

Mr. Powell stated at their annual banquet in November the Historical Society recognized President Topsy-Elvord for all of her community service that she had done over the years and he was here today to present her with a Certificate of Appreciation from County Supervisor Knabe.

Mr. Powell stated the Historical Society is appreciative of all of the things she has done for the Long Beach Community and for the preservation of history for this town.

President Topsy-Elvord thanked Mr. Powell and the Historical Society for their recognition.

CONSENT CALENDAR – ITEMS NOS. 1-9.

Items Nos. 2, 3, and 8 were removed from Consent Calendar for discussion.

1. SEQUEL CONTRACTORS – RATIFY CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 – APPROVE ADVANCED CHANGE ORDER AUTHORITY FOR THE PIER E TERMINAL REDEVELOPMENT UNDER SPECIFICATION NO. HD-S2254A – RWO NO. 637F, SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 AND A BUDGET REVISION – APPROVED.

Communication from D. A. Thiessen, Chief Harbor Engineer, dated January 11, 2006, recommending ratification of Change Order No. 1, in the amount of \$70,789, with Sequel Contractors; authorization of Change Order No. 2, in the amount not-to-exceed \$121,905, approval of advanced Change Order authority in the amount of \$200,000; for requested tenant improvements for the Pier E Terminal Redevelopment, under Specification No. HD-S2254A; approval of RWO No. 637F, Supplement No. 1, in the amount of \$60,000, was presented to the Board. The request was approved by the Executive Director.

4. ORTIZ ENTERPRISES, INC. – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE, UPON SATISFACTION OF CERTAIN CONDITIONS BY CONTRACTOR, CONTRACT FOR THE PIER S MARINE TERMINAL UNDER SPECIFICATION NO. HD-S2275 – CITY ATTORNEY REQUESTED TO PREPARE CONTRACT – DOCUMENT NO. HD-7014 AND CWO NO. HD-1217, SUPPLEMENT NO. 29 - APPROVED.

Communication from D. A. Thiessen, Chief Harbor Engineer, dated January 11, 2006, requesting conditional authorization of a Contract with Ortiz Enterprises, Inc., for the grading, drainage, and utilities at the Pier S Marine Terminal Development under Specification No. HD-S2275, in the amount of \$27,713,375, and CWO No. 1217, Supplement No. 29, in the amount of \$30,607,782, was presented to the Board. The request was approved by the Executive Director.

5. KENNEDY/JENKS CONSULTANTS – DOCUMENT NO. HD-7015 - MILLER BROOKS ENVIRONMENTAL, INC. – DOCUMENT NO. HD-7016 - PACIFIC EDGE

**ENGINEERING, INC. – DOCUMENT NO. HD-7017 - URS CORPORATION –
DOCUMENT NO. HD-7018 - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE
CONTRACTS FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SITE ASSESSMENT SERVICES.**

Communication from Robert Kanter, Director of Planning, dated January 5, 2006, recommending authorization of Contracts with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, Miller Brooks Environmental, Inc., Pacific Edge Engineering, Inc., and URS Corporation for hazardous materials site assessment services, each in the amount of \$250,000 and for a period of three years, was presented to the Board. The recommendation was approved by the Executive Director.

6. SAM A. JOUMLAT – APPOINTMENT.

Communication from Steven Rubin, Managing Director, dated January 4, 2006, requesting approval of the appointment of Sam A. Joumlat to the position of Revenue Manager, at \$112,200 annually, effective February 6, 2006, was presented to the Board. The request was approved by the Executive Director.

**7. LORICK ASSOCIATES CONSULTING, INC. - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE CONTRACT FOR AN OPTIMIZATION STUDY OF THE
MAINTENANCE DIVISION - DOCUMENT NO. HD-7019.**

Communication from Steven Rubin, Managing Director, dated January 10, 2006, recommending authorization of a Contract with Lorick Associates Consulting, Inc., for an optimization study of the maintenance division, for a period not to exceed six months and in the amount of \$112,467, was presented to the Board. The recommendation was approved by the Executive Director.

**9. CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF PORT AUTHORITIES – DUES FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2005-2006 - APPROVED.**

Communication from Richard D. Steinke, Executive Director, dated January 10, 2006, requesting authorization of the dues with California Association of Port Authorities for fiscal year 2005-2006, in the amount of \$121,622, was presented to the Board. The recommendation was approved by the Executive Director.

Commissioner Hancock moved, seconded by Commissioner Walter that the communications be received and filed and that Items Nos. 1, 4-7, and 9 be approved as recommended. Carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Comms:	Walter, Hancock, Cordero, Topsy-Elvord
NOES:	"	None
ABSENT:	"	Hankla

2. RRM DESIGN GROUP - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE FIRST AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT FOR THE TERMINAL ISLAND FIRE STATION NO. 24 – DOCUMENT NO. HD-6718A.

Communication from D. A. Thiessen, Chief Harbor Engineer, dated January 11, 2006, requesting approval of an amendment to Contract with RRM Design Group for the Terminal Island Fire Station No. 24, under Specification No. HD-S2224, for a time extension to December 31, 2008, and an updated fee schedule, was presented to the Board. The request was approved by the Executive Director.

In response to a question by Commissioner Hancock, Mr. Thiessen stated that RRM Design Group is in the process of finalizing the design documents and that Engineering intends to advertise for bids for this contract this year. Additionally, he stated the cost estimates of the project have increased because of the delay of getting the project underway.

In response to a question by Commissioner Walter, Mr. Thiessen stated the station is intended to serve the Port and that they do have mutual aid agreements with other fire departments.

Commissioner Hancock moved, seconded by President Topsy-Elvord that the communication be received and filed, that said amendment to Contract with RRM Design Group be approved, and that the Executive Director be authorized to execute the amendment. Carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Comms:	Walter, Hancock, Cordero, Topsy-Elvord
NOES:	"	None
ABSENT:	"	Hankla

3. J. L. PATTERSON AND ASSOCIATES, INC. - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE CONTRACT FOR ON-CALL RAILROAD ENGINEERING SERVICES - DOCUMENT NO. HD-7020.

Communication from D. A. Thiessen, Chief Harbor Engineer, dated January 11, 2006, recommending authorization of a Contract with J. L. Patterson and Associates, Inc., for on-call railroad engineering services, in the amount of \$400,000, and for the period of January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2008, was presented to the Board. The recommendation was approved by the Executive Director.

In response to a request by Commissioner Cordero, Mr. Thiessen gave a brief update of the rail master plan and stated that a formal presentation, on the latest rail master plan study, will be presented at a later date.

Additionally, Mr. Thiessen stated the railroad operation area is a highly technical trade and there are very few rail engineers available in this area.

Commissioner Walter moved, seconded by Commissioner Cordero that the communication be received and filed, that the Executive Director be authorized to execute said contract. Carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Comms:	Walter,Hancock,Cordero,Topsy-Elvord
NOES:	"	None
ABSENT:	"	Hankla

8. GILL V HICKS AND ASSOCIATES, INC. - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE THIRD AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT FOR THE TRUCK TRIP REDUCTION PROGRAM – DOCUMENT NO. HD-6788C - WO NO. 5058, SUPPLEMENT NO. 5 – APPROVED – GILL HICKS AND ASSOCIATES, INC. - CITY OF LONG BEACH - PORT OF LONG BEACH – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE CONTRACT FOR THE I-710 COORDINATION – DOCUMENT NO. HD-7021.

Communication from Geraldine Knatz, Managing Director, dated January 9, 2006, requesting approval of an amendment to Contract with Gill V. Hicks and Associates, Inc., WO No. 5058, Supplement No. 5, for the Truck Trip Reduction Program, both in the amount of \$126,250, and extending the contract term to January 31, 2007, and requesting approval of a Contract between Gill V. Hicks and Associates, Inc., City of Long Beach, and the Port of Long Beach, for the I-710 coordination, in the amount of \$75,750, was presented to the Board. The requests were approved by the Executive Director.

In response to a request by Commissioner Cordero, Dr. Knatz stated that the MTA would be poised to act in March on releasing their Request for Proposals for undertaking the EIR/EIS for the I-710. Additionally, she stated the mini study, which was the study of the interchange up in East Los Angeles, was completed, and that the two ports have been working together on the air quality plan.

Commissioner Cordero moved, seconded by Commissioner Walter that the communication be received and filed, that said amendment to Contract with Gill V. Hicks and Associates, Inc., WO No. 5058 and Contract between Gill V. Hicks and Associates, Inc., City of Long Beach, and the Port of Long Beach be approved, and that the Executive Director be authorized to execute the amendment and contract. Carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Comms:	Walter,Hancock,Cordero,Topsy-Elvord
NOES:	"	None
ABSENT:	"	Hankla

REGULAR AGENDA.

10. STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF

COST RESPONSIBILITY AS A CONDITION OF AN ENCROACHMENT PERMIT APPLICATION FOR THE PIER S MARINE TERMINAL DEVELOPMENT - RESOLUTION NO. HD-2289 - ADOPTED.

Communication from D. A. Thiessen, Chief Harbor Engineer, dated January 11, 2006, recommending authorization of an acknowledgement of cost responsibility as a condition of an encroachment permit with the State of California Department of Transportation for the Pier S Marine Terminal Development, was presented to the Board together with the authorizing resolution therefore. The recommendation was approved by the Executive Director.

Commissioner Hancock moved, seconded by Commissioner Cordero that the communication be received and filed and that the resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AUTHORIZING RECEIPT OF AN ENCROACHMENT PERMIT FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND MAKING A DETERMINATION RELATING THERETO," be declared read and adopted as read. Carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Comms:	Walter, Hancock, Cordero, Topsy-Elvord
NOES:	"	None
ABSENT:	"	Hankla

NEW BUSINESS.

UPDATE ON PACIFIC NORTHWEST COAST PORT TOUR.

Dr. Walter gave an update of the recent Northwest Coast Port Tour. He stated that he and Mr. Hein had visited the Port of Vancouver, Port of Tacoma, Port of Seattle, and the Port of Oakland, and they found the trip to be very informative.

Dr. Walter stated the various Ports stated their number one challenge they face is communicating with the community, in reaching out and keeping them informed. Additionally, other areas covered in the meetings included challenges in growth, productivity, improvement of air quality, and the environment and state infrastructure needs. Dr. Walter stated he had established excellent contacts and that some looked to the Port of Long Beach for leadership in many of their areas of concern.

Mr. Hein thanked the Trade and Maritime staff for their assistance in setting up the various meetings and for providing the information for the meetings.

Mr. Kemp announced that Ms. Carolyn Hill was the new Secretary for Community Relations and Government Affairs. He stated she has 13 years of experience with the City of Long Beach, most of which was with the Water Department as Senior Secretary to the Director.

Ms. Hill thanked Mr. Kemp for his introduction and stated she looked forward to working at the Port.

Dr. Walter welcomed Ms. Hill and stated he had worked with her at the Water Department and that he looked forward to working with her here at the Port.

President Topsy-Elvord thanked Ms. Morris, Mr. Kemp, and all the Port staff for their involvement and participation in the Martin Luther King, Jr., Unity Parade. She stated Councilmember Richardson and the community appreciated our participation.

Ms. Morris stated she felt the parade was a great opportunity for the Port to be involved in the community and she thanked the Survey section for their support with the boat.

Mr. Kemp stated it is great when divisions and City departments work together, especially with a cause like this. Additionally, he added this was the Port's first time participating in the event and the community was happy to see us involved.

RECOGNITION OF DR. GERALDINE KNATZ.

President Topsy-Elvord stated Dr. Knatz came to the Port of Long Beach in October 1981, and was appointed to Managing Director in 1999 and she oversees the Engineering, Properties, and Planning divisions. Additionally, Dr. Knatz has been instrumental in the Green Port Policy that was recently adopted by this Board.

President Topsy-Elvord stated Dr. Knatz is the new Executive Director of the Port of Los Angeles and she will begin her career there on Monday.

President Topsy-Elvord, Commissioner Hancock, Commissioner Walter, and Commissioner Cordero presented Dr. Knatz with Port of Long Beach merchandise gifts and wished her well in her new position.

Dr. Knatz thanked the Board for their recognition and gifts and stated she is excited about her new position and working together with the Port of Long Beach.

Mr. Steinke stated he and Dr. Knatz have worked together for 15 years and that he looks forward to continuing to work with her.

CLOSED SESSION.

At 2:25 p.m., President Topsy-Elvord recessed the Board meeting to hold a closed session.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Closed session pursuant to Section 54956.9(a) of the Government Code regarding Colonial American Casualty and Surety Company vs. Port of Long Beach, et al., Superior Court Case No. BC321083.

At 2:55 p.m., the meeting was again called to order by President Topsy-Elvord.

ADJOURNED.

At 2:56 p.m., Commissioner Walter moved, seconded by Commissioner Cordero that the meeting be adjourned sine die in memory of Scott Eldridge, son of Bob Eldridge, a retired Long Beach Fireman and port employee. Scott was a 911 Dispatcher with the Whittier Police Department for 20 years and is survived by his wife, Denise; son, Chris; sister, Debbie; and parents, Bob and Sue. Carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Comms:	Walter, Hancock, Cordero, Topsy-Elvord
NOES:	"	None
ABSENT:	"	Hankla

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Present: Commissioners: Hancock, Cordero, Hankla, Topsy-Elvord
Absent: " Walter

Also present:

R. D. Steinke	Executive Director
S. B. Rubin	Managing Director
T. Teofilo	Managing Director
G. T. Hein	Executive Officer to the Board
D. A. Thiessen	Chief Harbor Engineer
C. A. Stafford	Assistant Director of Administration
H. C. Morris	Director of Communications
M. J. Slavin	Chief Financial Officer
D. L. Albrecht	Director of Information Management
R. Rich	Director of Maintenance
R. G. Kanter	Director of Planning
K. J. McDermott	Director of Properties
C. Perrone	Director of Security
D. B. Snyder	Director of Trade & Maritime Services
T. A. Poe	Assistant Director of Government Affairs
D. T. Holzhaus	Principal Deputy City Attorney

PRESIDENT TOPSY-ELVORD PRESIDED AS CHAIRPERSON.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Upon motion by Commissioner Hancock, seconded by Commissioner Cordero and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of January 17, 2006, were declared read and approved as read.

PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Mr. Jim Grubbs from the Volunteer Center of South Bay-Long Beach stated he was here today to present President Topsy-Elvord a memory collage from her recent trip to the City and Port of New Orleans.

President Topsy-Elvord thanked Mr. Grubbs for the wonderful collage.

CONSENT CALENDAR – ITEMS NOS. 1-3.

1. DOJA, INC. - ACCEPTANCE OF WORK UNDER SPECIFICATION
NO. HD-S2244.

Communication from D. A. Thiessen, Chief Harbor Engineer, dated January 18, 2006, advising that Doja, Inc., has satisfactorily completed, as of November 11, 2005, the backlands oil well excavation and testing as described in Specification No. HD-S2244 and recommending that said work be accepted as complete as of that date, was presented to the Board. The recommendation was approved by the Executive Director.

2. EXCEL PAVING - ACCEPTANCE OF WORK UNDER SPECIFICATION
NO. HD-S2220.

Communication from D. A. Thiessen, Chief Harbor Engineer, by A. J. Moro, dated January 18, 2006, advising that Excel Paving has satisfactorily completed, as of March 30, 2005, the fill and rail relocation at Pier S, as described in Specification No. HD-S2220 and recommending that said work be accepted as complete as of that date, was presented to the Board. The recommendation was approved by the Executive Director.

3. HARBOR REVENUE FUND – APPROVAL OF FUND TRANSFER JOURNALS
AND AUTHORIZATION OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

Communication from Michael J. Slavin, Chief Financial Officer, dated January 23, 2006, submitting the following Fund Transfer Journals received from the Department of Financial Management:

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
940,190.03	Employee Benefits and Insurance Funds – transfer of the December 2005 cost of employees' fringe benefits. This transfer information includes three payroll periods, November 25, December 9, and December 23
730,481.50	Fire Department – Fire boats for January 2006 Fire Department – Fire stations for January 2006
8,307.25	Fire Department – vessel patrol for January 2006
11,789.00	Information Services Bureau – data processing operations and maintenance for December 2005
254.09	Information Services Bureau – wireless communication for December 2005

13,589.50 Public Works Department – maintenance of traffic signals for
1st quarter of fiscal year 2006

15,676.49 Utility user's tax billed for December 2005

was presented to the Board. The Fund Transfer Journals were approved by the Executive Director.

Commissioner Hankla moved, seconded by Commissioner Cordero that the communications be received and filed and that Items Nos. 1-3 be approved as recommended. Carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Comms:	Hancock, Cordero, Hankla, Topsy-Elvord
NOES:	"	None
ABSENT:	"	Walter

REGULAR AGENDA.

4. RESOLUTION RESETTING THE REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2006 – RESOLUTION NO. HD-2290 - ADOPTED.

Communication from Gustav T. Hein, Executive Officer to the Board, dated January 18, 2006, recommending adoption of a resolution authorizing resetting the regular meeting time of the Monday, February 6, 2006, Board meeting to 9:00 a.m., was presented to the Board together with the authorizing resolution therefore. The recommendation was approved by the Executive Director.

Commissioner Cordero moved, seconded by Commissioner Hankla that the communication be received and filed and that the resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH SUSPENDING RULE 1(B) AS SET FORTH IN HARBOR DEPARTMENT RESOLUTION NO. HD-519, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE MEETING SCHEDULE OF THE BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS, AND RESETTING THE TIME OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 6, 2006," be declared read and adopted as read. Carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Comms:	Hancock, Cordero, Hankla, Topsy-Elvord
NOES:	"	None
ABSENT:	"	Walter

NEW BUSINESS.

Mr. Hein stated that the location for the IBA Luncheon, scheduled for Friday, January 27, 2006, has been changed to the Royal Salon/King's View Room aboard the Queen Mary. Additionally, he added Mr. Richard Steinke, will be the luncheon speaker.

Commissioner Cordero requested a presentation update on meetings that were recently held with tenants regarding the Vessel Speed Reduction Program.

Mr. Snyder stated Ms. Morgan from Trade and Maritime Services is working on a presentation for the Board regarding the Vessel Speed Reduction and Green Flag Programs.

ADJOURNED.

At 1:55 p.m., Commissioner Cordero moved, seconded by Commissioner Hancock that the meeting be adjourned sine die in memory of Mary Bleming. Mary was well-known in the Southern California trade and transportation industry and she was instrumental in establishing the International Business Association in 1975. Carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Comms:	Hancock, Cordero, Hankla, Topsy-Elvord
NOES:	"	None
ABSENT:	"	Walter

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
December 15, 2005**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Harry Saltzgaver, Vice President, at 9:00 a.m., at the El Dorado Park West Community Center, in the Senior Center Library. Thomas Shippey, Manager of the Maintenance Operations Bureau, took roll call and confirmed a quorum.

Present: Harry Saltzgaver, Vice President
Bea Antenore
Simon George
Drew Satariano
Brett Waterfield

Absent: Chris Kozaites, excused

Staff: Phil Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine
Thomas Shippey, Manager, Maintenance Operations Bureau
Dennis Eschen, Manager, Planning and Development Bureau
Diane Lewis, Manager, Community Enrichment Programs Bureau
Chrissy Marshall, Manager, Community Recreation Programs
Janet Day-Anselmo, Manager, Business Operations Bureau
Dave Ashman, Manager, Special Events and Filming
William Greco, Acting Chief Ranger
Cynthia Fogg, Superintendent of Youth Services
Andy Romero, Youth Services Division
Robin Black, Executive Assistant to the Director

Guests: James Evans, Resident
Robert Lamond
Marty Isozaki, Commission on Youth and Children Commissioner

It was moved by Commissioner Satariano and seconded by Commissioner Antenore to excuse the absence of President Kozaites. The motion carried unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 17, 2005

It was moved by Commissioner Satariano and seconded by Commissioner Waterfield to approve the November 17, 2005 Parks and Recreation Commission minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

III. **SAMMY AWARD PRESENTATION – THOMAS SHIPPEY**

Mr. Tom Shippey gave a PowerPoint presentation on the continuing adventures of Sammy and what he has been doing this past month while he has been with Maintenance Operations. Mr. Shippey said that Sammy ran away when he heard that he would be awarded to another bureau. He said that Sammy is traveling somewhere and hopefully he will return soon and that we would see him next month.

IV. **EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH PRESENTATIONS FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER**

Vice President Saltzgaver stated that Commissioner Satariano would announce the Employee of the Month for November, since she was unavailable at the last meeting, and the Employee of the Month for December.

Commissioner Satariano announced Adriana Ramirez as Field Operations Employee of the Month for November.

Ms. Gladys Kaiser, as her supervisor, spoke about Adriana.

Commissioner Satariano announced Rudy Contreras as Lead/Supervisory Employee of the Month for December.

Ms. Anna Mendiola, as his supervisor, spoke about Rudy.

Vice President Saltzgaver said to let the record reflect that Phil Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine, arrived.

V. **COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS**

#05-1201

PERSONAL SERVICES/INSTRUCTION AGREEMENTS-MONTHLY APPROVAL

It was moved by Commissioner Antenore and seconded by Commissioner George to authorize the Community Recreation Services Bureau Manager or his or her management designee to execute the Personal Services and Instruction Agreements and amend Attachment "A" of the agreements as needed. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
President Kozaites, Chair

Vice President Saltzgaver stated that the Committee met and discussed the agenda. He said that Commissioner Raymond Chavarria resigned from the Commission and until a replacement appointment is announced, the committee assignments would be revised. Commissioner Satariano would be placed back on the Executive Committee and also chair the Equal Employment Opportunity and Customer Satisfaction Committee. Vice President Saltzgaver stated that Commissioner Antenore and Commissioner Waterfield would only have two Commissioners on the Park Safety Committee for the moment. Vice President Saltzgaver stated that he would chair the Special Events and Recreation Committee.

B. FINANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE
Commissioner Satariano, Chair

Commissioner Satariano stated that the financial statement was included in the packet.

C. PARK SAFETY COMMITTEE
Commissioner Waterfield, Chair

Commissioner Waterfield stated that the Committee did not meet, but the report was included in the packet. He said that they would like to acknowledge the passing of Chief Ranger Steven Neal.

Mr. Hester stated that the Department has asked William Greco to serve as Acting Chief Ranger until a final decision is made.

D. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AND CUSTOMER SATISFACTION COMMITTEE
Commissioner Satariano, Chair

Commissioner Satariano stated that he is happy to take the chairmanship of the Committee back again. They have not met, but they would meet early in the new year.

Ms. Janet Day-Anselmo distributed customer comment cards to the Commissioners, for information only.

Commissioner Satariano suggested that the Commissioners take a look at the cards and be prepared to give input on them at the January meeting, to be discussed with staff at a later meeting.

E. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS COMMITTEE
Commissioner George, Chair

Commissioner George stated that the Committee did not meet last month.

Vice President Saltzgaver stated that the Sports Park community meeting was held December 14, at Veterans Park, which was well attended. He said that the plan right now is to bring an alternative proposal back to the Parks and Recreation Commission sometime in February.

Mr. Eschen stated that at their October meeting, the Planning Commission certified the EIR and took all the recommended actions necessary on the General Plan. They also asked staff to meet with the environmentalists to see if there was a possibility to work out a compromise. They satisfied some of the legitimate points brought up by the environmentalists. The new design eliminated the Golf Learning Center and moved the soccer fields around to the top of the plateau, to the formerly proposed location of the Golf Learning Center. Because of the location of the oil wells, it was not possible to move the baseball fields around. This design would open up the lower area for a wetland habitat area. That won some limited approval at the community meeting.

Mr. Eschen said that comments were also made suggesting the old design be kept and eliminate the area of the Golf Learning Center and create a passive park in that area instead of creating a wetland area in the lower area.

F. CITY SCHOOLS/JOINT COMMITTEE
Commissioner Antenore, Chair

Commissioner Antenore stated that the Committee met and discussed a number of items and she briefly went over them.

G. SPECIAL EVENTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
Vice President Saltzgaver, Chair

Vice President Saltzgaver stated that the Committee met this morning and they are moving forward. He said that they would attempt to have a mission statement and a field use policy to bring before the Parks and Recreation Commission in the next couple of months.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSION

A. DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT – NOVEMBER 2005

Commissioner Waterfield requested an updated on the status of the Bruin Den.

Mr. Hester responded that during the budget process, the Department had to reduce funding for the Bruin Den. The center was supposed to close as of the first of October. The Department has not closed the teen center because of discussions with the Council office. The Department is planning to close the center as of December 23, once school is out, and reopen it after the first of the year. Councilmember Colonna asked that the City Manager look at other alternatives to be able to keep it open. The Department does not have the resources, but could potentially reopen the teen center if Workforce Development could provide the staffing to help.

Vice President Saltzgaver requested an update on the status of the clean water lawsuit about the trash coming down the rivers.

Mr. Eschen responded that it was his understanding that the court demanded the Regional Water Quality Control Board come back with an economic impact analysis, which is currently underway.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

Vice President Saltzgaver stated that they received Raymond Chavarria's resignation letter.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Vice President Saltzgaver stated that there was no unfinished business.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. PRESENTATION ON THE COMMISSION ON YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S UPCOMING MAYORAL CANDIDATE FORUM

Ms. Cynthia Fogg stated that she was here to report on the progress and plans for the upcoming Mayoral Candidate Forum that the Commission on Youth and Children is hosting. She distributed brochures on the Commission on Youth and Children.

Ms. Fogg stated that the City received an award from America's Promise for being one of the best 100 communities for young people. She said that she, along with other city representatives, went to Washington, D.C. to receive the award. Out of those 100 communities, the City also won a \$20,000 regional award for the Pacific Region, based on a video presentation prepared on the City's response to Hurricane Katrina.

Ms. Fogg introduced Andy Romero, staff on the Mayoral Candidates Forum, and Marty Isozaki, one of the Commissioners on the Commission on Youth and Children, to speak on the Mayoral Candidates Forum.

Mr. Isozaki stated that the Forum would be held on March 2, 2006. He said that the reason for this date is that it is three weeks prior to the end of voter registration. The time is from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and would be held in the City Council Chambers. Their plan is to have buses available for students to travel from the high schools and they would also invite different community groups. As of this time, the Mayoral candidates attending the Forum are Doug Drummond, Frank Colonna, and Bob Foster. There would be three moderators who would ask the same questions of all the candidates. The questions would come from the Commission on Youth and Children, from the history and government classes in Long Beach high schools, and organizations in the Youth Services NETWORK. They would also have students evaluate and select the questions to make sure all areas are covered and are fair to all of the candidates. He said that the Press Telegram and Charter Communications would cover the event. They would also have voter registration forms available for the students.

Mr. Romero stated that they have a number of partners involved, such as all the District Youth Councils, the Boys and Girls Club, NCCJ, Youth Leadership Long Beach, Operation Jump Start, and the League of Women Voters. They are trying to promote the importance of voting and voter awareness among young people, which has declined. They will be training young people on asking unbiased questions and the importance of research. They are looking forward to a very successful forum and hope all the Commissioners can attend.

Commissioner Antenore requested that they contact the local League of Women Voters, as she does voter service for the League.

Vice President Saltzgaver stated that there would be more Mayoral candidates than those three major candidates mentioned, and strongly recommended that all candidates be invited to attend, or if there is a criteria for candidates to be involved, to make it written, make it public, and have it done early.

Commissioner Antenore stated that the local League of Women Voters would have a list of every candidate and if every candidate would not be invited, the League would not be involved with the Forum.

Ms. Fogg invited the Parks and Recreation Commission to also submit any questions for the forum.

Vice President Saltzgaver stated that having politically appointed commissions sponsoring political debates is problematic, at best. He did not think it was the role of the Parks and Recreation Commission to sponsor or endorse this event. He said that the Commission needs to maintain their proper role.

Mr. Hester stated that the Parks and Recreation Commission comments are very legitimate and a meeting with the Forum staff of Commission on Youth and Children would be very helpful, and there is a lot of work to be done.

Ms. Fogg stated that they would contact Commissioner Antenore to attend one of their planning meetings.

B. PLAN APPROVAL FOR IMPROVEMENT OF VICTORY PARK AT 525 EAST OCEAN BOULEVARD

Mr. Eschen stated that this a developed park area, and the ground floor of the high-rise residential building was designed for commercial occupancy. It has generally been a very quiet, inwardly oriented office use, and the current owner wishes to establish a restaurant, which was originally intended for the space at the western corner of the building. In order to do that successfully, the owner would like some signage exposure to the community on Ocean Boulevard. Any location for a freestanding sign would be in part of the park, where a sign would not be allowed. Therefore, the owner would like to put a sign on the building, but the trees in the park would obscure the sign location. The owner is proposing to relocate three trees. Mr. Eschen's said that his analysis indicates that the owner could probably successfully clear the signage by only relocating two trees.

Mr. James Evans stated that he is fine with moving only two trees.

It was moved by Commissioner Satariano and seconded by Commissioner Waterfield to approve the relocation of two trees in Victory Park adjacent to 525 E. Ocean Boulevard from the planter adjacent to the building to the planter adjacent to Linden Avenue, and the installation of the Victory Park identification sign, a bench, and a trash receptacle as specified in the Victory Park Design Guidelines. The motion carried unanimously.

C. PRESENTATION ON THE HSA GROUP – CHRISSY MARSHALL

Ms. Marshall stated that the Department met with HSA when VOA ended their senior meals program. She said that the quality of the administration of HSA is exceptional. They have seen a huge improvement in responsiveness and customer service. HSA kept the field staff so there was a seamless transition of service. All sites are serving five days a week, with the exception of the Long Beach Senior Center, which serves on Saturdays as well. They are very pleased to announce that the Department has added a senior lunch program at Cesar Chavez Park. Ms. Marshall stated that the seniors have said that the quality of food is better and the selection is better with the new organization. She said that overall it has been a good change.

Vice President Saltzgaver suggested that HSA staff make a presentation at a future Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

D. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION 2006 MEETING SCHEDULE

Vice President Saltzgaver said that the Executive Committee suggested moving the meetings off-site once a quarter. They suggested two moves so far, partially because there would be a transition in June with two Commissioners leaving. They would like to take the January 19 meeting to Bixby Park to take a look at the new mural and to get an update on the bandshell work. They would like to do a Victory Park tour after that meeting.

Vice President Saltzgaver suggested Silverado Park for the April 20, 2006 meeting. Mr. Hester responded that staff is still researching if Silverado Park is available.

XI. COMMENTS

A. AUDIENCE

Mr. Bob Lamond stated he was at the Sports Park meeting, and it turned into a shouting match at the end.

B. STAFF

Ms. Janet Day-Anselmo noticed that there were some conflicts with several Commission Committee meeting dates so she would be making some changes in the dates.

Mr. Eschen stated that his secretary, Lydia Reminsky, has retired and has taken a position with the CIA in Washington, D.C. He doesn't have a new secretary yet.

Ms. Marshall distributed a flyer for Snow Day in Long Beach on the same day, January 7, at the five regional centers.

Ms. Lewis stated that the Park Ranger station groundbreaking would be held immediately after the Commission meeting today. She said that the Bixby Park mural dedication is at 3:30 p.m. today.

Mr. Lewis stated that they are in the process of identifying a major fundraiser for the Municipal Band to expand the six-week concert series to eight weeks. They are planning a Municipal Band Gala on March 11, at the Convention Center in the Grand Ball Room. It would include dancing, good food, a silent auction, and a variety of bands performing, including the Municipal Band.

Mr. Hester thanked the Parks and Recreation Commission, on behalf of the Department, for their support, leadership, and input this past year.

C. **COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Waterfield stated that he attended the Sports Park meeting and wanted to commend Mr. Eschen for doing an excellent job.

Vice President Saltzgaver read a thank you card from Steven Neal's family.

Vice President Saltzgaver complemented LSA and Amy Bodek for the great job they did at the Sports Park meeting.

Vice President Saltzgaver stated that this has been an incredible year watching the Department staff work. They are an amazingly creative and dedicated team. He is honored and privileged to be associated with them.

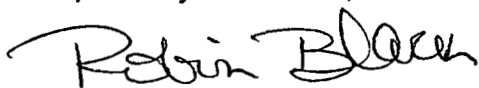
XII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2006, at the Bixby Park Community Center, 130 Cherry Ave., Long Beach.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Saltzgaver adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Black
Executive Secretary
to the Director

c: Phil T. Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA
JANUARY 5, 2006**

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 January 5, 2006.

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

PRESENT:	Stephen T. Conley Frank Clarke Lillian Y. Kawasaki Helen Z. Hansen Donna F. Gwin Kevin L. Wattier Sandra L. Fox Robert C. Cheng B. Anatole Falagan Ryan J. Alsop Matthew P. Lyons Paul T. Fujita Isaac C. Pai K. Eric Leung Robert V. Swain Robert Villanueva Niall Barrett Patricia A. Robinson Melissa L. Keyes Carolyn A. Hill	Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner Senior 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 Finance Director of Engineering Director of Water Resources Division Engineer Division Engineer Senior Civil Engineer Administrative Analyst II Administrative Projects Coordinator Senior Secretary
ABSENT:	William B. Townsend	Commissioner (Excused)

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Anatole Falagan, led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 22, 2005

Upon motion by Commissioner Clarke, seconded by Commissioner Kawasaki, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 22, 2005, were approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- **Stephen T. Conley, President, Board of Water Commissioners**

Press-Telegram Editorial Page Article

President Conley spoke about the news article that appeared in the January 5, 2006 *Press-Telegram* regarding the Department of Water and Power (DWP) and the news about them purchasing bottled water for use within their agency.

NOTE: Commissioner Hansen joined the meeting at 9:19 a.m.

Acting Board Secretary

President Conley appointed Lillian Y. Kawasaki as Acting Secretary for the January 5, 2006 meeting since Commissioner Townsend, Board Secretary, was excused from the January 5th, 2006 meeting.

Report of the Colorado River Users Conference

President Conley reported that he always finds this to be an interesting conference where you are able to obtain the perspective of the Upper States (Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and Wyoming) and the Lower States (California, Arizona and Nevada) regarding water issues. He asked for comments from other Board members regarding this conference.

Commissioner Hansen advised that the video shown at the conference on water interests of the Colorado River users was well done, and requested that Kevin Wattier, General Manager obtain a copy of this video.

Commissioner Clarke commented that he found the interests and divergent views regarding water issues of the Native American tribes expressed at the conference to be very interesting and informative.

Kevin L. Wattier, General Manager gave a brief description of the interests and positions established by the entities in Nevada and Arizona regarding Colorado river water issues.

Ad Hoc Water Conservation Committee

President Conley advised the Board that he had decided to convert the previously appointed Ad Hoc Water Conservation Committee to a regular item for discussion by the Committee of the Whole.

5. REPORT ON THE CALFED BAY-DELTA PROGRAM

- **Lillian Y. Kawasaki, Board of Water Commissioners**

Commissioner Kawasaki reported that she is a current member of the CALFED Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee (BDPAC), which is made up of a broad group of stakeholders whose authority is to advise the Secretary of the Interior on Bay-Delta matters, and to provide governance over complex issues.

Commissioner Kawasaki advised that it had become clear that the agency has recently been having trouble meeting its goals. She further reported that concern over the agency's future challenges prompted Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to request actions to allow the CALFED Program to move forward and focus on addressing the highest priority issues associated with the conflicts in the Delta. Commissioner Kawasaki distributed a copy of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program 10-Year Action Plan that was developed in response to the Governor's direction. This plan was briefly reviewed and discussed.

Commissioner Kawasaki stated that the BDPAC will be disbanded and as recommended in the 10-Year Action Plan: 1) An Executive Leadership Council should be established, and be responsible for implementation of CALFED projects and programs; 2) Establish a State Policy Advisory Committee to advise and make recommendations to both the state and federal implementing agencies throughout the Leadership Council; 3) Reassign CBDA staff, and 4) Create legislation to support changes in CALFED governance. Commissioner Kawasaki reported that the 10-Year Action Plan was approved by the BDPAC December 20, 2005, and that it had been submitted to the Governor, and they are expecting this to be included in the January 2006 budget.

Discussion ensued regarding funding issues, and Commissioner Kawasaki advised there is a possibility of a future water bond for the upcoming November or June ballots.

There was discussion on the matter of the Peripheral Canal regarding reopening this issue; looking back at the vote on this issue; the conflict between North and South, and the view that environmentalists appear to be split regarding this matter.

Commissioner Kawasaki advised she would bring further updates to the Commission as appropriate regarding this topic.

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

Mr. Wattier provided the following report to the Board:

Bay-Delta Comments

Mr. Wattier advised that this issue has been discussed for the past eleven years, and he does not believe that this matter will be resolved in the near future. He reported that the Long Beach Water Department would continue to focus on its portfolio and conservation issues for the Long Beach water supply, and continue to work with the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) regarding supplies and water quality.

Water Supply/Storage

Mr. Wattier reported on the status of the Lakewood Conjunctive Use Project, stating that the Long Beach Water Department is ready to begin filling this account with in lieu deliveries, but will continue to be unable to do so until several institutional/legal issues among the stakeholders involved are addressed. Board members asked Mr. Wattier to keep them updated on developments concerning this project.

Department of Water Resources (DWR) Snow Survey Report

Mr. Wattier reviewed the January 4, 2006, DWR Snow Survey Report, and reported that there was good news regarding the snow-water content which is used to determine the coming year's water supply.

Carolyn Hill Resignation

Mr. Wattier announced that Carolyn Hill, Senior Secretary had recently accepted a position with the Port of Long Beach, Community Relations Section, and that this would be her last Commission meeting.

President Conley, and Commissioners Hansen and Clarke made congratulatory comments and thanked Ms. Hill for her work on behalf of the Commission.

Introduction of New Long Beach Water Department Staff

Mr. Wattier introduced Niall Barrett, the new Sr. Civil Engineer who will be working with the Engineering Section, and reviewed his background and reported he had recently worked with the Port of Long.

Heart of the City Taping with Mayor O'Neill

Mr. Wattier reported that he had just completed a taping regarding desalination with Mayor O'Neill for the local cable show "Heart of the City". He advised the Board that he would provide them with the upcoming viewing schedule for this program.

Taping with Art Levine

Mr. Wattier also reported that he and President Conley have a taping scheduled for Friday, January 6, 2006, with Art Levine for the local cable program "Straight Talk" where they will introduce the "Beautiful Long Beach Landscape Program". He advised the Board that he would also provide them with the upcoming viewing schedule for this program.

State of the City

Mr. Wattier reminded the Commissioners that the Water Department has a table for the January 10, 2006, State of the City Address, and reminded them to confirm their attendance with Ryan Alsop, Director, Government & Public Affairs.

7. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

- **Donna F. Gwin, Senior Deputy City Attorney**

Senior Deputy City Attorney, Donna Gwin, reported that new legislation exempts from disclosure certain security plans and information relating to Water Operations & Facilities.

Discussion took place regarding the City Council's upcoming agenda item regarding travel expense reimbursement (in compliance of AB1234) and how this might affect the current Water Commission Travel Policy, and that of other Charter commissions. President Steve Conley requested that a memo be drafted to the City Attorney for his signature requesting clarification on this matter.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8a. Approval of Transfer of Funds by Journal Entry Dated January 5, 2006

Transfers No. 37 through No. 52 in the total amount of \$1,800,643.07 covering the Water and Sewer Revenue Funds, were submitted to the Board for approval.

Board Action

It was moved by Commissioner Hansen and seconded by Commissioner Kawasaki that the Board approve Consent Calendar Item 8a.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>STEPHEN CONLEY, FRANK CLARKE,</u> <u>HELEN HANSEN, LILLIAN KAWASAKI</u>
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>NONE</u>
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>WILLIAM TOWNSEND</u>
ABSTAIN:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>NONE</u>

8b. Receive and File List of Vendor Payments for the Month of November 2005

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

Action Requested:

- That the Board approve the list of vendor payments made during the month of November, 2005. The payments were made in accordance with City and Water Department policies, were reviewed and approved by the City Auditor's office.

Board Action

It was moved by Commissioner Kawasaki, and seconded by Commissioner Clarke that the Board approve Consent Calendar Item 8b. Commissioner Hansen advised that she would need to abstain from this vote.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>STEPHEN CONLEY, FRANK CLARKE,</u> <u>LILLIAN KAWASAKI</u>
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>NONE</u>
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>WILLIAM TOWNSEND</u>
ABSTAIN:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>HELEN HANSEN</u>

9. METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT (MWD) AGENDA ITEMS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE JANUARY 10, 2006 BOARD MEETING

- **Helen Z. Hansen, MWD Director**

In her capacity as the City of Long Beach MWD Director, Commissioner Hansen called the Board's attention to the MWD agenda for the Board of Directors' meeting on January 10, 2006. She requested input from the Board, and stated that she will report back during the Board's Committee of the Whole meeting on January 12, 2006 regarding matters discussed at the MWD meeting.

Commissioner Hansen advised that Congresswoman Grace F. Napolitano is scheduled to address the MWD Board at the January 10, 2006 meeting, and that Lester Snow, Director of the Department of Water Resources is also scheduled to make a presentation.

Commissioner Hansen pointed out agenda item 5B., Induction of New Directors, and advised that these four new representatives from Los Angeles will be joining the MWD Board of Directors. Commissioner Hansen advised that she would continue her goal to work closely with all of the Board of Directors as she has done in the past. There was discussion regarding these appointments.

Commissioner Hansen made brief remarks regarding agenda item 7-2, Appropriate \$1.6 million and authorize the purchase of 83 replacement vehicles for Metropolitan's fleet.

Commissioner Clarke remarked about the Underwood memorial tribute that was made by MWD at the Colorado River Users Conference. Commissioner Hansen advised she would pass his comments on to the Board.

Kevin L. Wattier, General Manager commented on agenda item 8-1, Determine water revenue requirements, apportion revenues and recommend water rates and charges; set a public hearing date; and adopt resolutions giving notice of intention to impose rates and charges for fiscal year 2006/07. Mr. Wattier reported that this action will increase the Long Beach budget by approximately \$1 million, and advised that the major driver for this increase are costs related to ozone retrofits.

10. APPROVAL OF THE BEAUTIFUL LONG BEACH LANDSCAPE PROGRAM (PROGRAM) AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM AS OUTLINED IN THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **Matthew P. Lyons, Director, Planning & Conservation**

Action Requested

- That the Board adopt the *Beautiful Long Beach Landscape Program* and direct staff to create and implement the Program as described in the Executive Summary.

Executive Summary

The Long Beach Water Department is committed to providing an adequate supply of quality drinking water in an economically and environmentally responsible manner. Using limited water supplies evermore intelligently helps achieve this mission. One means of using limited water supplies more intelligently is to replace grass lawns with California-Friendly landscapes, landscapes requiring significantly less water, maintenance, and chemical treatments, yet enhancing the functionality and beauty of the landscape.

The Board viewed a PowerPoint presentation regarding this program and a handout of this Power Point presentation was distributed at the meeting. There was discussion regarding temporary signage being installed at locations where the programs have been funded with these grant funds to acknowledge the program. It was decided that consideration of this enhancement would be reviewed for possible incorporation.

Board Action:

It was moved by Commissioner Kawasaki, and seconded by Commissioner Clarke that the Board adopt the *Beautiful Long Beach Landscape Program* and direct staff to create and implement the Program as described in the Executive Summary. The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>STEPHEN CONLEY, FRANK CLARKE,</u> <u>HELEN HANSEN, LILLIAN KAWASAKI</u>
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>NONE</u>
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>WILLIAM TOWNSEND</u>
ABSTAIN:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>NONE</u>

**11. REPORT ON THE PROGRESS TOWARDS THE FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005
CRITICAL OBJECTIVES**

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

Mr. Falagan reviewed the Report on the Progress Towards the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Critical Objectives, and presented a PowerPoint of this presentation to the Board (a copy of this presentation was also distributed at the meeting).

Mr. Wattier, General Manager thanked and complimented Mr. Anatole on the PowerPoint presentation and the report.

President Conley requested that this report be reviewed at a future meeting, which would allow for Commissioner comments and input.

Mr. Falagan complimented and thanked Ms. Melissa Keyes, and Ms. Carolyn Hill for their assistance in compiling the information for this report.

Commissioner Clarke commented on the Alley Conversion Program. President Conley requested that a review of the Alley Conversion Program be scheduled for a future meeting.

This report was received and filed.

12. STAFF PRESENTATION – EFFICIENT WATER USE CONSERVATION ACT OF 2006

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

Efficient Water Use Conservation Act of 2006

Mr. Alsop gave an overview of the Uniform Plumbing Code and advised that the local Long Beach code currently does not include language regarding the installation of waterless urinals. Mr. Alsop suggested that they encourage the City Council to adopt an ordinance that would amend this code to allow this type of urinal that would then allow residents/consumers to implement water conservation practices.

President Conley advised that he would like to make this effort a part of a broader conservation issue with the City Council.

Mr. Alsop advised he would return to the Board with proposals at a future Board meeting.

13. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES/ACTIONS/BILLS

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

Mr. Alsop described the two advocacy companies whose contracts are under consideration in Agenda Items 13a. and 13b., and the nature of the advocacy work they perform on behalf of the Long Beach Water Department on the Federal and State levels.

DISCUSSION:

There was discussion regarding the potential for a conflict of interest with the two advocacy firms since they also represent other city departments on advocacy issues. Mr. Wattier advised that the Long Beach Water Department has established a strategy for managing possible conflicts of interest by ensuring constant dialog between the Long Beach Water Department and other city departments. Mr. Wattier further advised this is extremely unlikely, since the Long Beach Water Department positions are fairly unique and separate from the city issues.

13a. Authorization to Execute Agreement No. WD-2724 with E. Del Smith & Company, dba. as Smith, Esposito & Lyerly to Provide Federal Liaison and Advocacy Services for one year in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.

A communication was presented to the Board from Ryan J. Alsop which is on file at the Long Beach Water Department.

Action Requested:

- That the Board authorize the General Manager to execute Agreement No. WD-2724 at an amount not to exceed \$70,000, for a term of one year, with an option to extend one year.

Board Action

It was moved by Commissioner Hansen, and seconded by Commissioner Kawasaki, that the Board authorize the General Manager to execute Agreement No. WD-2724 at an amount not to exceed \$70,000, for a term of one year, with an option to extend one year.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>STEPHEN CONLEY, FRANK CLARKE,</u>
		<u>HELEN HANSEN, LILLIAN KAWASAKI</u>
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>NONE</u>
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>WILLIAM TOWNSEND</u>
ABSTAIN:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>NONE</u>

13b. Authorization to Execute Agreement No. WD-2725 with Michael J. Arnold & Associates to provide State Governmental Liaison and Advocacy Services for one year in an amount not to exceed \$42,000.

A communication was presented to the Board from Ryan J. Alsop which is on file at the Long Beach Water Department.

Action Requested:

- That the Board authorize the General Manager to execute Agreement No. WD-2725 at an amount not to exceed \$42,000, for a term of one year, with an option to extend one year.

Board Action

It was moved by Commissioner Clarke, and seconded by Commissioner Kawasaki, that the Board authorize the General Manager to execute Agreement No. WD-2725 at an amount not to exceed \$42,000, for a term of one year, with an option to extend one year.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>STEPHEN CONLEY, FRANK CLARKE,</u> <u>HELEN HANSEN, LILLIAN KAWASAKI</u>
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>NONE</u>
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>WILLIAM TOWNSEND</u>
ABSTAIN:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>NONE</u>

FY 06 Discretionary Spending

Mr. Alsop reported that as was mentioned several times over the couple months leading up to December 2005, the Congress did do an across the board reduction in FY06 discretionary spending. All discretionary spending was reduced by 1% in the Military spending bill (HR 2863) before Members recessed the Friday before Christmas.

Mr. Alsop said that we were expecting a larger reduction due to some talk of just doing earmarks as large as 7 to 12 percent.

Mr. Alsop also advised that as the Board may be aware, this government-wide reduction was the Congress's response to an earlier White House request to rescind \$2.3 billion to help cover recovery costs associated with this past summer's hurricanes.

Mr. Alsop advised that the Congress also moved legislation before recessing that would cut \$40 billion in entitlement program funding over the next five years. He reported that this reduction puts us at \$643,500 for reclaimed, and \$1,237,500 for desalination.

Water Calendar in Poster Format

Ms. Melissa Keyes distributed copies of the final Water Calendar Poster to the Board and reminded them that this calendar was produced for less money than the previous versions, and that one poster calendar will be distributed to all classrooms in the Long Beach United School District, rather than one calendar per school as was done in the past. A copy of the Water Calendar was distributed to each Commissioner at the meeting.

14. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Clarke commented on the General Manager's report regarding the water supply. He suggested that a media event be staged where the President of the Board and the General Manager offer to store some of the excess water supply. Mr. Wattier, advised that he has contacted the Metropolitan Water District regarding this matter. President Conley commented on how do you sway public opinion on this issue, and asked staff to provide insight on how to accomplish this.

President Conley advised that the Board would be touring the J. Will Johnson Reservoir on Thursday, January 12, 2006.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Commissioner Kawasaki, seconded by Commissioner Hansen, and unanimously carried, that the meeting be adjourned at 11:27 a.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Water Commission to be held on Thursday, January 19, 2006, at 9:15 a.m., in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 1800 E. Wardlow, in Long Beach, California.



William B. Townsend, Secretary

Attest:



Frank Clarke, Acting President