

**LONG BEACH CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
F. PHIL INFELISE, PRESIDENT
February 16, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Civil Service Commission was held at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 16, 2011, in the Board Room of the Commission, 333 West Ocean Boulevard, Seventh Floor, Long Beach, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT: F. Phil Infelise, Jeanne Karatsu, Carolyn Smith Watts, Charles Hicks Jr.

MEMBER EXCUSED: Gerald Good

OTHERS PRESENT: Mario R. Beas, Executive Director & Secretary
Melinda George, Deputy Director
Robert Pfingsthorn, Personnel Analyst
Sharon Hamilton, Acting Executive Assistant
Salvador Ambriz, Personnel Analyst
Deborah McCluster, Personnel Analyst
Caprice McDonald, Personnel Analyst
Lourdes Ferrer, Personnel Analyst
Ken Walker, Personnel Operations Manager, Human Resources

President F. Phil Infelise presided.

MINUTES: It was moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Smith Watts and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of February 9, 2011, be approved as prepared. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

CONSENT CALENDAR (2-7): It was moved by Commissioner Smith Watts, seconded by Commissioner Hicks and carried that the Consent Calendar items be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

EXTENSION OF EXPIRING ELIGIBLE LISTS: Request to extend eligible lists for an additional one month:

Park Maintenance Supervisor
Public Safety Dispatcher

The motion was made to approve request on Consent Calendar.

RETIREMENT:

Request to receive and file retirement.

Irene Cruz/Customer Service Representative III/Financial Management

The motion was made to approve request on Consent Calendar.

RESIGNATIONS:

Request to receive and file resignations.

Michelle Quigley/Public Health Professional II/Health
Leslie Rash/Administrative Aide II/Harbor
Meredith Reynolds/Administrative Analyst III/Development Services

The motion was made to approve request on Consent Calendar.

TRANSFER:

Request to approve transfer.

Christopher Kuebert/Administrative Analyst II/Parks to
Administrative Analyst III/Public Works

The motion was made to approve request on Consent Calendar.

SCHEDULE FOR HEARINGS:

Request to approve schedule for hearings.

Reduction Appeal 27-R-89 – March 25, 2011
Disability Retirement Appeal 06-DR-910 – August 4, 2011

The motion was made to approve request on Consent Calendar.

RESCHEDULE FOR HEARINGS:

Request to approve reschedule for hearings.

Suspension Appeal 4-S-910 – February 28, 2011
Dismissal Appeal 10-D-910 – March 30, 2011 & April 6, 2011

The motion was made to approve request on Consent Calendar.

**REQUEST TO EXTEND
NON-CAREER HOURS:**

LESLEY ESPINOSA/ADMINISTRATIVE INTERN/HEALTH

The Secretary presented a communication from Ronald R. Arias, Director of Health & Human Services, requesting Commission approval to extend the non-career hours for Lesley Espinosa, Administrative Intern, for an additional 450 hours. The Secretary informed the Commission that staff concurs with the request. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Karatsu, seconded by Commissioner Smith Watts and carried that the non-career hours be extended for 450 hours, in accordance with Section 49 of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

BULLETINS:

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

Business Systems Specialist
Fire Engineer
Forensic Specialist
Plumber
Refuse Field Investigator

MANAGERS' REPORT:

Melinda George, Deputy Director welcomed Deborah McCluster, Personnel Analyst, back to work.

The Secretary informed the Commission that training of automated certification started today with two sessions of training left.

ADJOURNMENT:

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



MARIO R. BEAS
Secretary

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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA
JANUARY 20, 2011

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 20, 2011.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Dallman.

PRESENT:	Suzanne Dallman	Commissioner
	Frank Clarke	Commissioner
	William B. Townsend	Commissioner
	John Allen	Commissioner
	Paul Blanco	Commissioner
	Charles Parkin	Principal Deputy City Attorney
	Kevin L. Wattier	General Manager
	Sandra L. Fox	Secretary to the Board of Water Commissioners
	Robert C. Cheng	Deputy General Manager – Operations
	B. Anatole Falagan	Deputy General Manager – Business
	Paul T. Fujita	Director of Finance
	Matthew P. Lyons	Director, Planning & Conservation
	Eric Leung	Director of Engineering
	Matthew Veeh	Director of Government & Public Affairs
	Monya Hawkins	Manager Information Technology
	Robert Verceles	Division Engineer
	Abelardo Rendon	Division Engineer
	Stephen Gay	Manager of Security & Emergency Preparedness
	Melissa L. Keyes	Administrative Analyst III/Special Projects Coordinator
	Joyce Barkley	Water Conservation Specialist
	Daniel Cordoza	Conservation Intern

ABSENT: None

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

William Townsend led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Dallman opened the public comment period.

As there were no requests to address the Board on non-agenda items, the public comment period was closed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 6, 2011

Upon motion by Commissioner Blanco, seconded by Commissioner Allen, the minutes of the meeting of January 6, 2011 were unanimously approved.

4. REVIEW BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2011

- **Suzanne Dallman, President, Board of Water Commissioners**

The Board discussed the proposed meeting schedule for the month of February 2011.

The Board agreed to the following meeting schedule:

February 3, 2011 Regular Meeting – 9:00 A.M.

February 17, 2011 Regular Meeting – 9:00 A.M.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- **Suzanne Dallman, President, Board of Water Commissioners**

President Dallman advised she was back to work at school with her schedule remaining the same with Tuesday and Thursday classes. She noted that board agenda management was critical to allow her to leave in time to get to her classes.

She reported that the California Water Policy conference would be taking place on March 3-4, 2011 at the Wilshire Grand Hotel in Los Angeles. She advised that she planned on attending, and noted since this was a board meeting date that she would address the possibility of adjusting the March 2011 board meeting schedule at a future board meeting due to this conflict.

President Dallman noted the opening of a special exhibit at the Long Beach Museum of Art entitled "Influential Elements: Exploring the Impact of Water". She advised the exhibit dates were January 13, 2011 – April 3, 2011, and noted that the Long Beach Water Department was a sponsor of this exhibit. She reported the exhibited art represented the impact of water on our everyday lives.

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

None.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

President Dallman asked if there were any questions or discussion regarding the Consent Calendar items.

It was moved by Commissioner Allen and seconded by Commissioner Townsend to approve Consent Calendar items 7a. through 7e.

Hearing no further questions or discussion, President Dallman called for the vote on Consent Items 7a. through 7e. These Consent Calendar items were unanimously approved.

7a. Approval of Transfer of Funds by Journal Entry Dated January 20, 2011

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

7b. Adopt Specifications WD-15-10 for the On-Call Services for Emergency Well Rehabilitation and authorize the General Manager to execute two-year contracts with the following two companies: General Pump Company and Layne Christensen Company, each contract shall be in an amount not to exceed \$500,000. Each contract may be renewed, at the option of the General Manager, for two additional one-year periods subject to a maximum increase of 4% per year

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

7c. Adopt Specifications WD-19-10 for the Cast Iron Main Replacement Cherry Avenue Project and Authorize the General Manager to Sign a Construction Contract with Stephen Doreck Equipment Rentals, Inc. in the amount of \$196,833.00

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

7d. Authorize the General Manager to enter into a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement at no cost with the Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGACBuy) program

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

7e. Adopt Specifications WD-18-10 and authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement with PALP, Inc. dba Excel Paving Company (Excel Paving) to provide street repair services for water system repairs in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 for a period of one year and to exercise the options to renew during two additional one-year periods for an amount not to exceed 5% for each renewal period for a total three year contract total not to exceed \$7,875,000

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

8. Legislative/Public Affairs Issues

- **Matthew R. Veeh, Director of Government & Public Affairs**

Mr. Veeh provided the following report:

He provided a briefing on the proposed Governor's budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. He noted the current budget deficit was \$25.4 billion, and could increase an additional \$1 billion if a proposed set-aside for the reserve fund was established. He reported the total budget solutions needed were \$26.4 billion. He advised the deficit could grow an additional \$1.2 billion if the proposed sale of state offices buildings were to fail.

He reported the main causes of the budget deficit were:

- Inability of state to achieve previous budget solutions in several program areas
- Expiration of various one-time and temporary budget solutions from recent years
- Failure to acquire sufficient additional federal funding for key programs.

Mr. Veeh reviewed proposed solutions for addressing the deficit (spending reductions; revenue extensions and other solutions), and proposed major spending reductions for Medi-Cal; Cal Works; Department of Development Services; University of California; California State Universities; Community Colleges and State Employees.

He also noted other major proposals being considered:

- Restructuring of state – local relationship
- Elimination of redevelopment agencies statewide
- Elimination of enterprise-zone incentives
- Funding for K-12 schools left untouched (unless June tax extensions fail)

Mr. Veeh reported the next steps in the budget process were:

- Have trailer bills, not Budget Act in place by March 1st
- Hold June special election (tax extensions)
- June 15th, 2011 is constitutional deadline for legislature adoption of a balanced budget.

Mr. Veeh also provided the Board members with a candidate list for current vacant State senate seats.

President Dallman inquired if the City of Long Beach was dependent on the state for redevelopment funding.

Mr. Parkin provided a response which included an explanation that some cities (including the City of Long Beach) were holding meetings to decide to encumber redevelopment revenue for the next ten years as a basis for completion of currently approved projects.

Mr. Wattier also advised that there is a process in place that would allow for cities receiving a 55% vote of approval to establish their own Redevelopment Agencies.

9. Report of the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) Board Meeting on January 11, 2011

Mr. Wattier reported that the MWD board had discussed their two year budget as follows:

He noted the main point of discussion was for the planned rate increase effective January 2012, which was already adopted last year. Metropolitan is currently experiencing a drop in sales which affects the 2012 rate increase. He reported there was some MWD Board interest in reconsidering the 2012 rate increase. He further advised he expected continued MWD budget discussions to take place through April 2011.

Commissioner Townsend inquired about Metropolitan's projected level of conservation funding.

Mr. Wattier advised that one possible action being considered by MWD was to cut their conservation funding by half to avoid rate increase changes.

10. NEW BUSINESS

None.

**11. CLOSED SESSION:
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- Recommendation to discuss
Existing Litigation (Closed Session pursuant to Section 54956.9(a) of the
California Government Code). Central Basin Municipal Water District v.
Water Replenishment District, Real Party in Interest City of Long Beach,
Case No. BS129817**

President Dallman called for public comment regarding the closed session topic. Hearing none she adjourned the Board to the closed session.

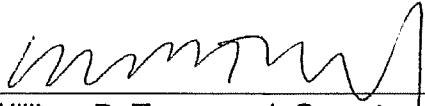
The Board adjourned to the closed session at 9:20 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 9:53 a.m.

The President advised they had nothing to report from the closed session.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Dallman adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m. to the next regular meeting of the Water Commission to be held February 3, 2011, in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 1800 E. Wardlow, in Long Beach, California.



William B. Townsend, Secretary

Attest:



Suzanne Dallman, President