

MINUTES – WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRFCAC)
 REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 7, 2016
 COMMUNITY CENTER – 3:00 to 5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: John Diodati Dale Guerra
 Bill Woodson Valerie Levulett
 Steven Shively Paul Donnelly
 Mary (Ginny) Garelick Richard Sadowski

ABSENT: Barbara Spagnola

STAFF: Rob Livick (Arrived 3:06pm) Public Works Director
 Kay Merrill Administrative Utilities Technician
 Mike Nunley WRF Program Manager
 John Rickenbach WRF Deputy Program Manager

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER
 MOMENT OF SILENCE/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

The meeting was called to order at 3:00p.m. and a quorum was present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public comment period was opened, seeing none, the public comment period was closed.

- A. CONSENT AGENDA
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The public comment period was opened, seeing none, the public comment period was closed.

A-1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE WRFCAC REGULAR MEETING ON MAY 3, 2016

MOTION:

Bill Woodson moved to approve Item A-1. The motion was seconded by Steve Shively and carried unanimously 8-0.

B. BUSINESS ITEMS

- B-1 WRFCAC SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES AND RECOMMENDATIONS
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Ginny Garelick stated citizens have voiced their concern in previous meetings regarding the WRF site selection and asked Mike Nunley how those concerns have been addressed. On behalf of Barbara Spagnola, Ginny stated Barbara was concerned about an article that was published in The Bay News regarding a large increase in cost to the WRF.

Ginny stated she attended the 2016 California Financing Coordinating Committee Funding Fair and the following are some of the highlights:

- The Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program provides an average of 425 million dollars a year in low interest financing for water quality projects and funding for wastewater and water recycling projects. Principal forgiveness is available to municipalities for green project reserve eligible projects.
- Small Community Wastewater Funding has an annual appropriation of approximately 8 million dollars and Proposition 1 Funding is 280 million dollars. Eligible applicants are small communities and small/disadvantaged communities.
- The Water Recycling Funding Program promotes the use of treated municipal wastewater to augment or offset state local fresh water supplies which includes low interest loans and grants.
- Proposition 1 Ground Water Sustainability Funding has 800 million dollars available to prevent or clean up contamination of groundwater. Eligible projects include those that prevent or cleanup contamination of ground water that serves or has served as a source of drinking water. The bulk of this funding is targeted for disadvantaged communities.
- Other programs that may be of interest to the City of Morro Bay are The Water Energy Grant Program and the Desalination Grant Program. Technical support is available for small communities which includes help in filling out applications and financial assistance for legal, engineering and rate studies.

Ginny stated she still hopes Morro Bay and Cayucos join together and construct/operate one facility.

Mike Nunly addressed an e-mail that Barbara Spagnola's sent to him regarding the presentation of revenue in the reports. He stated Bay News and New Times, both inaccurately stated the project cost had increased 25 million dollars and has asked for a printed correction from both newspapers. Mike stated he will present an update on the budget status report in the WRF Program Update item.

The public comment period was opened, seeing none, the public comment period was closed.

B-2 WRF PROGRAM UPDATE

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Mike Nunley presented the WRF Program Update.

Discussion, comments and questions continued amongst committee members and staff.

John Diodati left the meeting at 4:08pm and Bill Woodson presided the meeting.

The public comment period was opened.

Bart Beckman, Donna Burke, Kalman Heller, Bob Keller, Bill Todd and Jim Pauley spoke in favor of the Tri-W site.

Mark Hanson stated he would like to see Cayucos and Morro Bay join together and construct/operate one facility and the City needs to slow down on selecting a new site.

Sandi Tannler stated nothing can be built at the current WWTP, is in favor of the Tri-W site, questioned the status of the \$25,000 deposit for the Righetti property, the time frame of the EIR and asked if citizens at the north end of Morro Bay can become customers of the Cayucos Sanitation District.

John Maino stated if one of the Tri-W sites is chosen, please exclude a park and maintenance yard, keep the use limited to what is necessary for the operation and maintenance of the plant and stated there is an alternative site that is on record.

Jackie Pipkin stated concern regarding solar panels at the Tri-W site and asked what would happen to the excess property at the site.

Rob Thoresen stated he is concerned about accessibility to the property with folks entering/leaving the Tri-W site and prefers the Tri-W City Side site versus the County Side site and is in favor of the alternative site.

Nancy Bast stated she prefers the Tri-W City Side site versus the County Side site.

Tina Metzger thanked WRFCAC for recommending City Council remove the Righetti from the site selection and is disappointed that City Council did not remove the Righetti from the site selection.

Bryan H. Liebig, (Architect) representing Leroy Kleim, submitted a study for WRFCAC.

Karen Luhman stated she appreciates the discussion and clarification of the financial reports.

The public comment period was closed.

Discussion, comments and questions continued amongst committee members and staff.

MOTION:

Steve Shively moved to have the meeting extend past 5:00p.m. The motion was seconded by Richard Sadowski and carried unanimously 8-0.

Discussion, comments and questions continued amongst committee members and staff.

C. COMMITTEE MEMBER CLOSING COMMENTS

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Ginny Garelick suggested a flyer be sent to every member of the community with Appendix “D” which shows the Basis of Cost Evaluation Used in the Options Report.

Mike Nunley pointed out Appendix “D” is available on the website.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:09p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at 3:00p.m. at the Veteran’s Memorial Building located at 209 Surf Street, Morro Bay, CA.