

MINUTES - MORRO BAY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND
PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING – NOVEMBER 14, 2023
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL HALL – 3:00 P.M.

AGENDA NO: A-1
MEETING DATE: December 12, 2023

PRESENT:	Carla Wixom	Mayor
	Laurel Barton	Council Member
	Cyndee Edwards	Council Member
	Jennifer Ford	Council Member
	Zara Landrum	Council Member
	Laurie Beale	Chair
	John Erwin	Vice Chair
	Ian Gaffney	Board Member
	Robert Nava	Board Member
	Jan Goldman	Board Member
	Doug Hill	Board Member
	Joe Ingrassia	Board Member
ABSENT:	None	
STAFF:	Yvonne Kimball	City Manager
	Chris Neumeyer	City Attorney
	Dana Swanson	City Clerk
	Greg Kwolek	Public Works Director
	Damaris Hanson	Utilities Division Manager
	Dan Heimel	Confluence Engineering Solutions
	Dave O'Rourke	Groundwater Solutions Inc. (GSI)

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wixom established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

<https://youtu.be/jZpJhaNyPoc?si=FUe92-y4zjf7dkck&t=324>

Betty Winholtz, Morro Bay, suggested the City slow things down until we know what we want and also consider Chorro Valley as a potential location. She opined the City should not sell its state water allotment and not blend Morro ground water with state water unless it's been through the brackish treatment.

Paul Donnelly, Morro Bay, questioned the minimum number of injection wells, whether the City had met various permit requirements, and status of any necessary easement agreements.

The public comment period was closed.

Mr. Heimel responded to questions raised during public comment.

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA:

- I. PHASE 1 IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY RECOMMENDATION FOR THE WRF RECYCLED WATER PROGRAM AND ASSOCIATED CONTRACT AMENDMENTS; (PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT)

<https://youtu.be/jZpJhaNyPoc?si=r7Rv4HSnLZ0i9i6V&t=34> - Introduction

https://youtu.be/jZpJhaNyPoc?si=WeEGKhWs2a_SUxXz&t=1421 – presentation

Public Works Director Kwolek introduced the item and turned it over to Dan Heimel from Confluence Engineering Solutions and Dave O'Rourke from GSI, to present the report.

Mayor Wixom reopened public comment.

<https://youtu.be/jZpJhaNyPoc?si=A4UvYjkULsJxFf3w&t=4225>

Terry Simons, Morro Bay, opposed the approval of contract amendment and suggested the City explore potential for direct potable reuse, use of Chorro Valley water, injection sites in the San Bernardo Creek portion of Morro Valley, and consider a working relationship with the Los Osos water purveyors.

Mayor Wixom closed public comment.

Public Works Advisory Board Chair Beale confirmed a quorum of Board members were present.

MOTION: Council Member Barton moved to:

1. Direct staff to implement a phased approach to the Recycled Water Program and move forward with environmental, permitting and design for an initial phase of the program.
2. Approve Amendment No. 4 to the agreement with Kevin Merk Associates (KMA) for biological services for implementation of the Recycled Water Project for a total amount of \$39,730.00, resulting in a not to exceed amount of \$111,040.00.
3. Approve Amendment No. 8 to the agreement with Far Western Anthropological Research Group (Far Western) for archeological services for implementation of the Recycled Water Project for a total amount of \$184,568.00, resulting in a not to exceed amount of \$1,044,733.01.
4. Approve Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with Rincon Consultants (Rincon) for environmental services for implementation of the Recycled Water Project for a total amount of \$186,999.55, resulting in a not to exceed amount of \$230,531.55.
5. Approve Amendment No. 3 to the agreement with GSI Water Solutions (GSI) for hydrogeological services for implementation of the Recycled Water Project for a total amount of \$230,900.00, resulting in a not to exceed amount of \$1,311,763.00.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Ford for discussion.

Council Member Landrum requested a friendly amendment to allow this after the WRF subcommittee approves a letter prepared by staff to the lending agencies requesting written clarification of the minimum implementation requirements. Council Members Barton and Ford accepted the friendly amendment.

Following comments, the motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

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