
CITY OF DANA POINT
WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE
APPROVED ACTION MINUTES

Public Works Conference Room
Suite 212
33282 Golden Lantern
Dana Point, CA 92629

Thursday, April 30, 2015
11:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Olvera called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members:

Carlos N. Olvera, Chair
J. Scott Schoeffel, Dana Point City Council
Wayne Rayfield, South Coast Water District
Rick Erkeneff, South Coast Water District

Committee Members Absent: none

Staff Present:

Doug Chotkevys, City Manager
Andy Brunhart, General Manager, South Coast Water District
Brad Fowler, Dana Point Public Works
Kevin Evans, Dana Point Community Services and Parks
Brian McClure, Dana Point Parks
Lisa Zawaski, Dana Point Public Works

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

B. OLD BUSINESS

ITEM 1: Lantern District Construction Progress

Andy provided an update on the current SCWD recycled water main construction project at la Plaza due to be completed in three weeks. Brad provided an update on Dana Point's Del Prado construction project which is scheduled for completion in late September.

C. NEW BUSINESS**ITEM 2: Desalinization Program Progress / Coordination**

Andy provided an update on the SCWD Desalinization Project progress which has a timeline for completion in 2021, assuming funding and design continues. Currently, only SCWD and Laguna Beach are pursuing this project. SCWD is soliciting proposals from consultants as to how they can speed up the schedule 1-2 years. Consultant proposals will be presented to the SCWD Board for discussion in June or July 2015.

ITEM 3: Drought Related Coordination / Issues

Members discussed the drought and how the City can work together with SCWD towards reducing water use. The City is committed to reduce public potable water consumption by at least the SCWD mandated 24% reduction requirement from the State beginning June 1, 2015. There was discussion that highly used parks should be prioritized and maintained for the community. There was also discussion about “giving parks a haircut”, for example, focusing efficient water use on highly used areas in parks only and minimizing or eliminating watering in areas that are not highly used, e.g. evaluating turf conversion projects in these areas. The group supported the potential use of “hand watering” areas not currently on recycled water with a water truck using recycled water, where feasible. It was also noted that there are many City parks and medians that are on recycled water which is not subject to the water restrictions.

There are three City CIP projects proposed in the new draft two year budget to provide recycled water systems to certain City facilities as well as modifying landscaping and upgrading irrigation systems to promote efficiency. SCWD is also working on their Master Plan which will prioritize which areas to further extend recycled water main distribution lines.

Action Items:

- 1) SCWD to work with City Planning Department to develop City staff training for landscape plan checks and evaluate small parcel landscape standards.
- 2) City Parks to begin working on irrigation system efficiency utilizing available SCWD rebates.
- 3) City Parks to explore where hand watering with a recycled water truck is feasible.
- 4) City Parks to explore where “giving parks a haircut” might be feasible.
- 5) City Parks to reduce City potable water consumption by 24%+.
- 6) City Public Works to take action on Crown Valley, La Plaza and Lantern Bay Park CIP Projects, subject to City Council approval.
- 7) SCWD to evaluate further recycled water main distribution system extensions with the City, subject to SCWD Board approval.
- 8) City to evaluate street parkway turf replacement standards.

ITEM 4: Water Quality Program Progress / Issues

Brad provided brief updates on the successful completion of the Doheny State Beach Dye Test, Sa Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board driven creek mouth bacteria monitoring program changes for beaches, the summer start-up of the Salt Creek Ozone Treatment Facility on April 29, and also updated the group on research of feasibility of planning for and utilizing recycled water for commercial building indoor use, such as toilets, in new and redevelopment.

D. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Prepared by:

Lisa Zawaski, Dana Point