

CITY OF MORRO BAY  
PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY BOARD  
SYNOPSIS MINUTES

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Veterans Memorial Hall  
Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

209 Surf Street, Morro Bay  
Wednesday, August 18, 2011

Matt Makowetski, Chair

Richard Rutherford, Vice Chair  
Ron Burkhart

Bill Olson  
Stephen Shively

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairperson Makowetski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.  
Staff Present: Rob Livick and Janeen Burlingame

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / MOMENT OF SILENCE

Makowetski called for a moment of silence.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Olson moved to accept the agenda. Shively seconded.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

V. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Makowetski announced written communication received regarding an Association of California Water Agencies meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> in San Luis Obispo.

Rutherford noted receipt of a SLOCOG letter from Pete Rogers regarding Estero Bay Transit Service.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

Makowetski opened Public Comment period.

- Councilmember Noah Smukler invited PWAB members to the upcoming Dahlia Daze and Cypress Nights on August 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> to be held at the Community Center located at 1001 Kennedy Way and also announced a free tour of downtown trees to be conducted by local author, Dr. Matt Ritter, at 10a.m. on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Makowetski closed Public Comment period.

A. Demonstration by Water Billing Staff Regarding Online Bill Pay –(Johnson)

Bonnie Johnson gave a presentation explaining how to pay water bills online and register for the service.

## VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of minutes from the June 16, 2011 meeting.

MOTION: Burkhart moved to approve the minutes of June 16, 2011. Shively seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

## VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/INFORMATION ITEMS

Board Members discussed with staff:

- Pavement Management Plan and Streets maintenance. Board members discussed with Livick how to make it easier to find street maintenance request forms on the City's website.
- The rationale behind why streets maintenance duties got transferred from Public Services Department to the Recreation & Parks Department.
- Morro Bay Garbage Service's semi-annual Clean Up Week and how it will be promoted. Burlingame clarified that in addition to information on the City's website, the Morro Bay Garbage Service also notifies residents in the billing statements.
- Desal Piping at Lila Keiser park – replacing a pumping line – part of the brackish water conversion
- Collection systems and the lift stations – whether city is moving ahead w/ putting them above ground.
- The timing of work to be done on the Front Street Lift Station which is anticipated to be late spring.

## IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consideration of Estero Bay Transit Service Proposal – Burlingame

Burlingame presented the staff report giving an overview of the Estero Bay connector discussing both the fixed route and demand response part of the transit service and the different transit and paratransit services such as Runabout, Call-a-Ride, South Bay Senior Shuttle and the North Coast Shuttle that are available to persons especially for trips into San Luis Obispo.

Shively expressed concern regarding the transit service and cost impacts, noting that the money savings realized won't make up for a loss in service. He also stressed the need for transit service to be convenient.

Burlingame discussed with Board Members the concept as proposed by RTA and noted it is a lower level of service than what is existing and recommended that the proposal from the Council of Governments (COG) for the Estero Bay transit service concept not be implemented as it does not serve the best interests of the community. Also stressed was the need to improve efficiency and get more riders to use it.

Makowetski opened Public Comment period.

- Pete Rodgers of SLOCOG spoke and elaborated on the alternative proposal.

Board members discussed with Rogers their concern about the change in transit service levels.

The RTA changes in North Coast fixed routes just started on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Services will be assessed in 90 days to see if some tweaks need to be made.

- Mark Lancaster, resident of North Morro Bay, requested that Morro Bay's transit schedule sync with RTA's schedule at the park; also that Morro Bay work with RTA to close the scheduling gaps, and to increase transit service to North Morro Bay.
- Susan MacDonell of Morro Bay Transit encouraged riders to also use Call-a-Ride to get the door to door ride they need. Reservations can be made the day before and sometimes as late as the same day of service.

MOTION: Shively moved we continue this to the October meeting and have staff come back with a revised staff report based on what they can work out with the RTA. Burkhart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

X. OLD BUSINESS – None.

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: City Facility Tour (Staff), Water Conservation (Wade), Collection System Repairs (Wade).

Board members and staff reviewed future agenda items.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. to the next scheduled meeting to be held at the Veteran's Memorial Hall on Thursday, August 16, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.