

AGENDA ITEM: VII-A

DATE: November 14, 2007

ACTION: approved as presented

**CITY OF MORRO BAY  
PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY BOARD  
SYNOPSIS MINUTES**

(Complete audio- and videotapes of this meeting are available from the City upon request)

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

209 Surf Street, Morro Bay  
Wednesday, October 17, 2007

Barry Dorfman, Chair  
Jane Wilzbach, Vice Chair  
Roger Ewing  
Bill Olson  
Noah Smukler  
Dan Glesmann

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm.  
Members Present: Barry Dorfman, Bill Olson, Dan Glesmann, Roger Ewing, and Noah Smukler  
Members Absent: Jane Wilzbach  
Staff Present: Bill Boucher, Dylan Wade, Janeen Burlingame, and Cathy Weaver

It was noted Jane Wilzbach was unable to attend the meeting tonight.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Dorfman called for a moment of silence.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: Accepted as presented.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ewing gave an update on the Urban Forest Management Plan. He explained that they now had a completed City Tree Map. He thanked the people that had helped update the map.

V. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: Boucher stated he had provided two items of written material: The Association of California Water Agency's fact sheet regarding the California water crises, and a Water Rate Survey of local communities. Ewing asked him about the large rate shown for Morro Bay. Boucher explained they used an average amount of water that a home would use in Atascadero (25 billing units) with larger lots and higher temperatures, not an average for Morro Bay (4 billing units).

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: Marla Brutan put a book on the overhead titled 'Thirst' explaining it was a compilation of communities and their stories regarding water. She stated that the question of our time was whether water was a human right or a commodity. She noted that she and two other people had viewed videotapes of the collection system and had written three reports that the City had. Richard Sadowski said thank you to the board for letting them speak about this urgent health issue.

Dorfman explained Board Member Smukler had a planned presentation on the Bayside Living Guide. Smukler noted that with the challenges the area is having with its water supplies and the increasing need for conservation measures it was fortunate the Morro Bay National Estuary Program is a part of the Community. A representative of the program, Cheryl Lesinski, played a key role in developing the Bayside Living Guide (can be obtained in their offices and City offices), and she will talk about bay

friendly landscaping. Lesinski gave her presentation touching on: conservation measures - consider drought tolerant plants, consider reducing size of lawn, mulch bare soil; Urban runoff is a “cocktail of pollutants:” goes into the bay, fertilizers help create algaeblooms, depletes oxygen, test your soil, use slow-release products, use native plants. Bay friendly landscaping conserves water, protects the estuary and watershed, provides habitat for birds and butterflies, and saves money.

Glesmann asked about soil test kits and Lesinski said you could find them at many plant retailers. Smukler pointed out the tree companies are a good place to get mulch. It was noted that compost is available at the Waster Water Treatment Plant.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR: Approval of Minutes of September 19, 2007.

MOTION: Olson to approve Minutes of September 19, 2007 as presented (Ewing 2<sup>nd</sup>). Vote: 5-0

VIII. DIRECTOR’S REPORT/INFORMATION ITEMS – No action required. Boucher talked about the State Water maintenance shutdown, the Morro Bay Blvd Roundabout, and awarding the Fire Station construction contract. Board Members asked about the following issues: costs and who to pay for peer review portion of the round-a-bout; the Nitrate analysis report; Corporation Yard Space Needs; WWTP upgrade; Desal Plant. Dorfman wanted it made clear that waiting for the Nitrate Analysis was referring to a report being done by Cleath & Associates, not the continuous Nitrate testing of the wells the City is doing.

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Board Agenda Work Plan.

1. Agenda of 11/14/07 – Urban Water Management Plan. Presentation on use of Recycling Guide. Presentation from CalTrans – Highway One Corridor Enhancement Plan.

WORK PLAN APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

A. State of the Sewer Presentation. Boucher gave a preliminary introduction of the issue and turned it over to Wade who went over a number of slides showing collection system pipe conditions. He explained that the system is in need of rehabilitation. Staff is researching existing conditions and will significantly increase maintenance. Reasons for the present condition of the worst lines included: age, earth movement; man made problems; structural deterioration; tree root intrusion, and growth. Wade talked about a new rate increase that will go to the City Council on November 13, 2007. That increase will allow the City to fix some existing problems and upgrade the WWTP to tertiary treatment. Staff recommends the Board provide comments as deemed appropriate. General discussion followed regarding the Cayucos/Morro Bay pro-rata share of the WWTP and collection system.

Boucher recommended the Board take action on moving the November meeting.

MOTION: Ewing to move the next PWAB meeting to November 14, 2007 (Olson 2<sup>nd</sup>). Vote: 5-0

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: See work plan grid.

XII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm to the next regularly scheduled meeting of Wednesday, November 14, 2007.