

MINUTES – WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRFCAC)
REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 7, 2017
VETERAN’S MEMORIAL BUILDING – 3:00 to 5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Barbara Spagnola
Valerie Levulett
Richard Sadowski
Mary (Ginny) Garelick
John Diodati
Steve Shively
Paul Donnelly

ABSENT: Dale Guerra

STAFF:	Rob Livick	Public Works Director
	Craig Schmollinger	Finance Director
	Mike Nunley	WRF Program Manager
	Joe Mueller	Utilities Division Manager
	Sandy Martin	Budget & Accounting Manager
	Gina Gregory	Office Assistant

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. and a quorum was present.

MOMENT OF SILENCE/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE
ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT
<https://youtu.be/hYhgnglQLIA?t=59s>

The public comment period was opened.

Morro Bay resident Jeff Heller thanked the Committee Members for their many hours to serve the community by being on this committee and expressed concern about the cost of the project and where to find this information online. He said the design bid build delivery method is generally not used for water treatment facilities projects as you don’t know the full cost of the project until it is completed. He noted there is a conference at the end of March sponsored by the Design Build Industries Association in Minneapolis that is designed to help cities build a project and find out the costs earlier in the process.

Rob Livick addressed the cost of the project, referencing the City’s WRF website, noting there is a one page fact sheet detailing a cost range of the project. He stated design build will be used for the Water Reclamation Facility and the design bid build delivery method will be used for design and construction of the lift station.

The public comment period was closed.

A. CONSENT AGENDA
<https://youtu.be/hYhgnglQLIA?t=6m50s>

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

MOTION: John Diodati moved to approve Item A-1. The motion was seconded by Steve Shively and carried 6-0-1 with Paul Donnelly abstaining.

B. BUSINESS ITEMS

B-1 WRFCAC Sub-Committee Updates and Recommendations
<https://youtu.be/hYhgnglQLIA?t=7m31s>

Barbara Spagnola with the Finance Sub-Committee stated she had forwarded some questions to Mike Nunley and confirmed that those will be answered as he goes over his review.

Richard Sadowski mentioned that at the February 28 City Council meeting, there was discussion to have advocate help to get federal funding and why this Committee wasn't notified.

Rob Livick and Mike Nunley responded to Sadowski's comment. Rob Livick stated he would forward the question to the City Manager.

Ginny Garelick with the Finance Sub-Committee stated she had attended the February 9 Cayucos Town Hall meeting and presented some highlights from that meeting. She also followed up on information she provided last month on the availability of loans for Water Infrastructure projects under the federal WIFIA program, asking whether anyone had a chance to attend the live webinar.

Mike Nunley responded that one of his staff members did participate in the webinar and will review to see if this is something that we should follow through with. He also asked a representative from Kestrel to participate and then to give a synopsis of what they know of the funding program.

John Diodati recommends that future updates and recommendations cease coming from individuals and that all recommendations be vetted through the Sub-Committees.

Paul Donnelly with the Environmental Sub-Committee and Steve Shively with the Engineering Sub-Committee had no reports.

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

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

B-2 Program Status Update

<https://youtu.be/hYhgqQLIA?t=35m43s>

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

The public comment period was opened.

Jeff Heller wanted to emphasize how important it is as a property owner and Morro Bay citizen to know the total cost of the project, when it will be done and how much will it cost individuals. Secondly, he would like to know why it will take the rest of the quarter to develop the construction cost estimate. He would like to see a line item for this amount referenced every time he sees the budget.

The public comment period was closed.

C. COMMITTEE MEMBER CLOSING COMMENTS

<https://youtu.be/hYhgqQLIA?t=1h20m12s>

Richard Sadowski is concerned with this project and need to take a look at it as a whole. He is concerned with potential points of failure and feels these have not been addressed and should be thinking those through conceptionally.

Barbara Spagnola asked that the consultant costs be rounded off to whole dollars. A possible discussion in future meetings could be on the change orders and how to keep control of those, noting that those are about 16.5% of the total cost. There seems to be a need for a summary and it should be communicated.

Mike Nunley addressed the change orders and what they were related to.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held on April 4, 2017 at 3:00p.m. at the Veteran's Memorial Building located at 209 Surf Street, Morro Bay, CA.