

MINUTES – WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRFCAC)
SPECIAL MEETING – January 11, 2018
VETERAN’S MEMORIAL BUILDING – 3:00 to 5:00 P.M.

- PRESENT: Valerie Levulett
Richard Sadowski
Barbara Spagnola – Vice Chairperson
Steve Shively
Paul Donnelly
- ABSENT: Dale Guerra
Ann Fullerton
John Diodati - Chairperson
- STAFF: Rob Livick Public Works Director
Scott Collins City Manager
Joe Mueller Utilities Division Manager
Mike Nunley WRF Program Manager
Eileen Shields WRF Technical Engineer
Gina Gregory Office Assistant

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. and a quorum was present.

MOMENT OF SILENCE/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Valerie Levulett announced the Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) in Morro Bay at the Fire Department, sponsored by the SLO County Fire Chief’s Association and the SLO County Sheriff’s Advisory Foundation. The first class is January 16, 2018 and there are still 5 or 6 spaces left. Contact the Morro Bay Fire Department for more information.

PUBLIC COMMENT
<https://youtu.be/LJmxgm-A5h8?t=4m3s>

The public comment period was opened.

Carol Truesdale, Morro Bay, thanked the Public Works Department for all the work staff has done. She had questions regarding the spill that happened last week and if the City will go after Caltrans for remuneration for City time and money spent.

Bart Beckman, Morro Bay, expressed concern with Ginny Garelick’s resignation. He stated there are questions that need to be answered about the Statement of Qualifications and who is part of the bidding and noted the costs of the purposed plant should be compared to the cost of Cayucos.

Kerrigan Mayhan, Morro Bay, suggested there be a full work stoppage, no more money spent, and the project be revisited.

Rob Livick responded to comments.

The public comment period was opened and seeing none was closed.

A. CONSENT CALENDAR - None

B. BUSINESS ITEMS

B-1 Draft Request for Proposals for WRF Onsite Improvements
<https://youtu.be/LJmxgm-A5h8?t=11m58s>

Rob Livick presented the staff report.

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

The public comment period was opened.

Jeff Heller stated it would be a mistake to issue the RFP based on the RFQ process, noting the project description is vague and would like to see a project that's clear, simple and well defined. He expressed concern about the flow numbers that are used for calculations.

Barry Branin, Morro Bay, stated concern on the flow rates used and would like them defined.

Tom Rost, Morro Bay, stated it is an error to split the force main and lift station, noting he would like to see one contractor, one bid, and lower the qualifications to attract smaller contractors.

Nancy Bast, Morro Bay, would like to know the process the City will have to go through to make the property truly available for a plant to be built on.

Bart Beckman, Morro Bay, commented on the Proposal Evaluation Criteria.

Larry Truesdale, Morro Bay, stated support from the community is not there on the project cost as it is now, and expressed concern that residents may have to leave. Do not send this out.

Kerrigan Man, Morro Bay, suggested there be a full work stoppage and the project be revisited.

Tina Metzger, Morro Bay, asked for a description of the project, what facilities the draft EIR will be covering, and is the consultant working on the EIR working with a fluid description.

Mark Hansen, Morro Bay, stated feels the facility should stay where it is and not move to the South Bay Boulevard location.

The public comment period was closed.

Rob Livick, Scott Collins, Joe Mueller and Mike Nunley responded to comments.

Committee members will also email their questions and comments to be addressed.

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

Richard Sadowski stated for the record that he believes this proposal be null and void and that we re-visit the approach.

Rob Livick shared that this document is available online at www.morrobaywrf.com.

C. COMMITTEE MEMBER CLOSING COMMENTS
<https://youtu.be/LJmxgm-A5h8?t=2h8m51s>

Richard Sadowski expressed concern how the costs will affect the families of the community and feels the infrastructure needs to be repaired before we begin this project. He mentioned the Ocean Protection Council released a note that there are some projects being opened for grant funding in Prop 84 and we have projects that are a prime candidate for that.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held on February 6, 2018 at 3:00p.m. at the Veteran's Memorial Building located at 209 Surf Street, Morro Bay, CA.