



WATER TASK FORCE

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 28, 2007

- A. **Roll Call.** Chair Dean Maulhardt called the meeting to order at approximately 11:35 a.m.

Task Force Members Present.

Dean Maulhardt, Chair, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Oxnard
Thomas Holden, Task Force Member; Mayor, City of Oxnard

Task Force Members Absent.

None

Others Present.

Karen Burnham, Assistant City Manager
Christina Aerenlund, Public Information Officer
Jim Rupp, Assistant City Attorney, City of Oxnard
Susan Winder, Acting Finance Director
Ken Ortega, Public Works Director, City of Oxnard
Mark Norris, Asst. Public Works Director/Utilities Services Manager, City of Oxnard
Thien Ng, Senior Engineer, City of Oxnard
Anthony Emmert, Water Resources Manager, City of Oxnard
Tamara Sexton, Water Programs Manager, City of Oxnard
Alicia Thompson, Conservation Coordinator, City of Oxnard
Chris Williamson, Associate Planner, City of Oxnard
Rob Saperstein, Hatch & Parent
Boris Pastushenko, Brown & Caldwell
Bill Terry, Saviers Road Design Team
Doris O'Connell, Saviers Road Design Team
Larry Godwin, Saviers Road Design Team
Nancy Pederson, Saviers Road Design Team
E. Gloria Roman, Resident

- B. **Approval of Minutes.** The Task Force approved the minutes from the Water Task Force meeting of April 26, 2007.
- C. **Public Comment.** Larry Godwin, Saviers Road Design Team, stated that the Saviers Road Design Team opposes the Southern California Edison Company's (SCE) planned abandonment in place of its 16" fuel oil pipeline within the proposed Ormond Beach Wetlands Restoration Area. He stated if SCE abandons the pipeline in place, the Coastal Conservancy's restoration project will have to bear the cost of removing the section of pipe within the project area. He stated that he was particularly concerned about the section that is exposed near the end of Perkins Road.
- D. **Director/Manager Reports.**
- 1. Blending Station No. 1 Projects Construction Status Report.** Mr. Emmert provided an update on the status of projects at this location, the Blending Station No. 1 Desalter Project,

and the related Blending Station No. 1 Power Building Project. He reported that the City's contractor is making good progress on the structures.

2. **Advanced Water Purification Facility (AWPF) Design Status Report.** Mr. Emmert reported that the City's design team has completed preliminary design, is moving forward with final design work, and plans to bring the equipment procurement documents to the City Council for approval within the next two weeks. He stated that the design team is also preparing a Title 22 Engineering Report, which is needed to start the formal permitting process.
3. **Redwood Trunk Project Construction Status Report.** Mark Norris, Assistant Public Works Director, provided an update on the project. He stated that the pipelines were all in service, that the contractor has completed the replacement Lift Station No. 28, and that final street paving is scheduled for July 2007.
4. **Headworks Project Construction Status Report.** Mr. Norris provided an update on the project, stating that the contractor was making good progress, and anticipates completion by September 2007.

E. New Business.

1. **Southern California Edison Company Pipeline Abandonment Project.** Mr. Emmert stated that Southern California Edison Company (SCE) owns a 16 inch diameter pipeline that is aligned approximately 700 feet inland of the tidal zone, from the Port of Hueneme to the Reliant Ormond Beach Electricity Generating Plant. He stated that SCE constructed the pipeline in the early 1970's to transport fuel oil to the plant, but converted the plant to utilize natural gas in the 1990's, and now wishes to abandon it. Mr. Emmert stated that SCE no longer needs the pipeline, and plans to clean its interior of any residual fuel oil, fill it with cement slurry, and abandon it in place. He stated that the majority of the pipeline alignment is under the permitting jurisdiction of the California Coastal Commission, Santa Barbara Office, and that a permit application is pending. He stated that a 700 foot length of the pipeline falls under jurisdiction of the City of Oxnard, and a short length of the pipeline crosses City-owned property, at the end of Perkins Road. A permit with the City of Oxnard is also pending for the 700 foot length. Mr. Emmert introduced Chris Williamson, Associate Planner, with the City of Oxnard Development Services Department, Planning and Environmental Services Division, and stated that Dr. Williamson is the staff member reviewing the permit application. Dr. Williamson explained that the documents submitted by SCE recommended that the slurry-fill and abandon in place option would be less disruptive to the sensitive Ormond Beach area than would be removal of the pipeline. He stated that the issue is scheduled to come before the City Council at its July 10, 2007 regular meeting. The Task Force discussed the issue and recommended that the City oppose the abandonment in place option, within the 700 feet under its permitting authority, and also directed staff to not give permission to SCE to abandon it in place, as it crosses through the City-owned property at the end of Perkins Road, adjacent to the Wastewater Treatment Plant, but to ask for removal, especially the length that is exposed.
2. **Water Management and Conservation Program Development Status Report.**
3. **Water Distribution Standard Operating Procedures Development Status Report.**
4. **Consideration of City of Oxnard Representation on Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency Board of Directors.**
5. **Consideration of Scheduling a City Council Workshop to Discuss Statewide, Regional and Local Water Issues and Their Effects Upon the City.**

F. Old Business.

1. **Review Changes to Slides for Pending Council Study Session on Options to Minimize Cost Impacts to Property Owners in Septic Conversion Project Area and Encourage Timely Connections to System.** Mr. Emmert provided an update on the proposed presentation to the City Council regarding options for financial assistance to property owners

in the Septic Conversion Project area. The Task Force provided comments to the draft. Mr. Emmert stated that staff would bring the presentation to the City Council at the earliest opportunity as a study session.

2. **Ocean View Municipal Water District Update.** Mr. Emmert provided an update on the status of the project, stating that Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) staff approved the dissolution of the Ocean View Municipal Water District (OVMWD) and the City assumption of water service. He stated that City staff has completed a field survey of the existing water services, meters, and cross-connection control devices, has conducted pressure monitoring, and is preparing a project to make necessary upgrades to meet City standards. Mr. Emmert also explained that the City's consultant has made contact with all potable and irrigation customers on the system, in order to make sure that their meters are correctly sized for anticipated usage, and that the associated fees and charges are reasonable. He stated that staff met with Finance Department staff to establish a billing system for the new service area, and has forwarded the necessary documents to the OVMWD's legal counsel and accountancy firm for review and comment. Mr. Emmert stated that he anticipates the issue will go before the OVMWD Board on June 7, 2007, to the City Council in late July 2007, and back to LAFCo for final approval in September 2007.
3. **Calleguas Municipal Water District Brine Line Project Update.** Mr. Emmert provided a brief update on the status of this project, stating that Calleguas Municipal Water District (CMWD) has started construction of the 48" line in Hueneme Road, between Olds Road and Edison Drive, and that CMWD is currently working on alignment for the section from Edison Drive to Surfside Drive. He stated that City staff has been coordinating with CMWD staff regarding this alignment and on construction issues.

G. Adjournment. Chair Maulhardt adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:52 p.m.