



**City of San Diego Water Policy Implementation Task Force  
May 21, 2013  
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Metropolitan Operations Center II (MOC) Auditorium  
9192 Topaz Way, San Diego, CA 92123**

**Record of Actions**

**1. Call to Order- CHAIR CARY LOWE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 2:11 P.M.**

**Members Present:**

Julia M. Chunn-Heer  
Dawn Guendert  
Corrine A. Brindley  
Gordon A. Hess  
Faith Picking  
Cary D. Lowe  
Glen Schmidt  
Bruce Rainey  
Keith R. Solar

**Members Absent:**

None

**2. Non- Agenda Public Comment: None**

**3. Task Force Member & Staff Comment**

Chair Lowe announced that two replacement Task Force members had been confirmed by the City Council and were expected to be sworn in prior to the next meeting.

City staff Luis Generoso presented three student-produced short films submitted to the Public Utilities Department's "Waste No Water" film contest.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**4. Approval of the Record of Action Items from April 29, 2013**

ACTION: Record of action items approved 8-0-1.

## **AGENDA**

### **5. Discussion & Action Item – Conservation Working Group Update & Recommendations a) Consideration of Proposals from Community Forest Advisory Board**

TASK FORCE DISCUSSION: Chair Lowe presented the edited version of the Conservation Working group recommendations for adoption and Chair Lowe asked for clarification on number 7. Task Force Member Schmidt advised they removed the portion concerning the availability of rebates because it would give staff more flexibility.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ACTION: Motion to adopt edited recommendations as presented approved 9-0-0.

#### **TASK FORCE DISCUSSION:**

Task Force Member Schmidt re-introduced a Conservation recommendation in support of requiring retrofitting of plumbing fixtures in connection with substantial remodeling.

Task Force Member Hess opposed linking retrofits to something unrelated to the remodel itself.

Task Force Member Picking agreed with Task Force Member Hess' objection. She expressed concern that adoption of the recommendation imposing stricter guidelines on this issue than exist in other neighboring cities could result in lost business to the City.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mike Nagy with the Regional Chamber of Commerce opposed applying this proposed recommendation to commercial properties.

Sean Karafin from the County Tax Payers Association opposed the recommendation.

ACTION: Motion to adopt the recommendation failed 4-5.

#### **TASK FORCE DISCUSSION:**

Task Force Member Schmidt presented revisions to certain of the previously adopted Conservation recommendations, based on input from the City's Community Forest Advisory Board.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Anne Fege of the Community Forest Advisory Board commented on the proposed changes.

Troy Murphree of the Community Forest Advisory Board spoke in favor of the proposed changes.

#### **TASK FORCE DISCUSSION:**

Task Force Member Chunn-Heer expressed concern that adding references to "trees" to the recommendations in question could confuse the intent, by making it appear that the focus is solely on trees.

ACTION: None

**6. Discussion & Action Item – Water Recycling Working Group Update & Recommendations**  
**a) Consideration of Proposals from Community Forest Advisory Group**

**TASK FORCE DISCUSSION:**

Revisions to certain of the previously adopted Recycling Working Group recommendations, based on input from the City’s Community Forest Advisory Board, were presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Anne Fege of the Community Forest Advisory Board proposed revisions to certain previously adopted Recycling recommendations to incorporate references to trees.

**TASK FORCE DISCUSSION:**

Task Force Member Guendert expressed concern that the proposed revisions would distract from the intent of the original recommendations.

**ACTION:**

Motion to add “trees” to WR No. 5 and return other proposals to the Working Group passed 9-0.

**TASK FORCE DISCUSSION:**

The Task Force discussed WR No’s 4, 6, 8 and 10, which had been deferred at the prior meetings’ mass re-adoption of the edited recommendations.

**ACTION:** A motion to accept the minor edits to 4, 8, and 10 and accepting 6 as-is passed 9-0.

**7. Discussion and Action Item – Task Force Goal and Recommendations**

**TASK FORCE DISCUSSION:**

Proposed new and revised recommendation submitted from the public, relating to promoting on-site wastewater treatment facilities, were presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Robert Thiele spoke about the “Living Machine” project, a nature simulation wetlands process at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot which recycles wastewater for irrigation.

**TASK FORCE DISCUSSION:**

Task Force Members discussed the proposed revisions and new recommendations, and agreed that more information needs to be presented and considered before a vote on these items could take place.

**ACTION:** Proposed new and revised recommendations referred back to Innovation Technology Group.

**TASK FORCE DISCUSSION:**

Task Force Member Guendert commented that WR-7 was mistakenly changed in the previous meeting.

**ACTION:** Motion to revise recommendation passed 8-1-0.

**TASK FORCE DISCUSSION:**

Task Force Chair Lowe opened discussion of a proposed Goal addressing reduction of citywide water consumption.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Sean Karafin from the County Tax Payers Association addressed the draft Goal, and particularly the exclusion of recycled water from any calculation of water use reduction, in light of the State counting such recycled water in determining water use reduction.

**TASK FORCE DISCUSSION:**

Chair Lowe commented that the intent is to propose actual reduction of water consumption, apart from any recycling activity, which is why he would like to consider not counting recycled water.

Task Force Member Solar addressed the concerns expressed by Task Force members in rejecting a previous version of this Goal, and introduced a version.

The Task Force discussed separating residential and commercial consumption, since the gallons per capita per day targets for each are different.

**ACTION:**

Recommendation referred back to the Conservation Working Group, with a request to bifurcate the goal into separate residential and commercial targets.

**8. Discussion and Action Item- Task Force Performance Measures and Timing**

**INFORMATION ONLY:**

Chair Lowe spoke about the Public Utilities Department's responses to the Compilation of Goals and Recommendations through 4/29/13. Since Task Force Members were not given sufficient notice of the Department's comments, no action was taken, and the Performance Measures and Timing for all Recommendation were deferred to the next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT—**

**CHAIR CARY LOWE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT APPROXIMATELY 4:30 P.M.**

**The next Task Force meeting will be held on Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M., in the MOC Auditorium.**