



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455 N. Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
4th Floor Conference Room A

The Beverly Hills City Council / Public Works Commission Liaison Committee

SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Tuesday, June 7, 2016
3:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: May 16, 2016 / 3:02 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Vice Mayor Krasne, Councilmember Gold, M.D., Assistant City Manager George Chavez, Assistant Directors of Public Works Chad Lynn and Trish Rhay, Deputy Director of Public Works Erick Lee, Planning & Research Analyst Michelle Tse, Public Works Commission Vice-Chair Jeff Wolfe (via telephone), Public Works Commission Chair Sandra Aronberg, Senior Budget & Financial Analyst Tatiana Szerwinski, Assistant Director of Administrative Services Noel Marquis, Director of Administrative Services Don Rhoads, Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Programs Manager Josette Descalzo, Water Conservation Administrator Debby Fioni, Executive Assistant III Audrey Wright.

1) PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public will be given the opportunity to directly address the Committee on any item listed on the agenda.

Speakers: Victoria Talbot, Beverly Hills Courier

2) WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM AND POLICY RECOMMENDATION

Assistant Director of Public Works Services Trish Rhay and Planning & Research Analyst Michelle Tse provided comment.

A. Groundwater Wells

- Wells are complete and sampling/testing is taking place.
- Sampling and reporting to the Department of Drinking Water (DDW) is taking place; conveyance to the Treatment Plant will occur once DDW approves.

B. State Water Resources Control Board Update

- Drought regulations extended through January 2017.
- Water use restrictions remain in effect.
- Local Self-Certification Target replaces mandated percentage reduction target.
 - Must be within Board's parameters
- Goal of 20 Percent reduction in per capita water use by year 2020 remains in place.

C. Rate Structure

- The rate structure process will begin once the Comprehensive Operational, Organizational and Financial Audit of the Water System is complete.
- Provide clear message concerning penalty surcharge suspension and new water rates when presenting to City Council.
 - Provide high level of education and outreach concerning new rates.

D. Self-Certification Target

- Based on 3–Year Water Supply during drought conditions.
- Contingent upon MWD water supply.
- Due June 22, 2016; if the City does not submit Target, it defaults to 32%.
 - Staff to bring Target to City Council June 21, 2016.

E. Next Steps

- The City needs a long-term sustainable water efficiency program.
- Staff will recommend suspension of Penalty Surcharges and development of a fine/fee structure for excessive/unreasonable use.
- Promotion of water efficiency as daily way of life.

3) ADJOURNMENT

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