

**Natural Resources Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**May 21, 2012**

**Commissioners:**

Present: Dean Newberry (Chair); Eugene Wilson (Vice Chair), Clifton McFarland, Alan Pryor, William Shapiro, Jill Baty and Ben Bourne (Alternate)

Absent: Steven Westhoff (excused), Planning Commission Liaison (vacant)

Staff: Jacques DeBra, NRC Liaison

Council Liaison: Stephen Souza

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1. **Roll Call**
2. **Approval of Agenda**  
Motion to approve passed 7-0.
3. **Approval of Minutes**  
Motion to approve April 23, 2012 Minutes passed 7-0.
4. **Commission and Staff Announcements:**  
Parks Commission received NRC memo regarding integrating IPM/Pesticide Use policies.
5. **Council Liaison Comments:**  
None.
6. **Public Communications:**  
Water Advisory Committee highlighted value of having the final NRC 20% demand reduction recommendations sooner than later to help the Committee complete its process in a timely manner.

**Consent Calendar**

7. **A. Long Range Calendar/NRC IPM Memo**  
**Action:** Unanimous motion to pull item A to discuss at the end of the regular meeting agenda.  
AYES: 7-0.

## Regular Calendar

### 8. **Receive Update Regarding 20% Additional Conservation Scenario**

The NRC Water Management Subcommittee and staff briefly discussed the preliminary recommendations and process followed to develop the approach for achieving an additional 20% reduction in future water demands. NRC members reviewed the information and provided comments to be considered for final action at the June NRC meeting. Comments included desire to verify possible leak savings that can be achieved and focus on peak demand reductions including reducing irrigation use and applying time-of-use policy as tools for curtailing peak water demands (that drive City's future water infrastructure costs). These comments will be incorporated into the Subcommittee's final recommendations.

### 9. **Receive Sanitation Rate Proposition 218 Notice**

Staff presented information regarding the City's proposed 3% sanitation rate increase and Prop. 218 Notice. The 3% rate increase for all customers would be effective December 2012 and would cover the costs of increasing DWR contract CPI and County Landfill fees.

Motion: Approve the Prop. 218 Notice for proposed sanitation rate increases.

AYES: 6      1 Abstain

### 10. **NRC Subcommittee Reports**

Energy: Planning June 14 CCA workshop (speakers: Bill Julian, Shawn Marshall, and Bill Powers), looking to revisit Alliance program efforts.

Water Management: Working on additional 20% demand reduction scenario final recommendations (to be presented at June NRC meeting).

Zero Waste: Upcoming meeting with DWR regarding containerization issues.

Wood Smoke: Evaluating actual wind speed data and recent nearest neighbor impact studies.

### 11. **NRC Long Range Calendar**

June: 20% Additional Demand Final Recommendations, CCA Recommendations

July: Air quality update (YSAQMD), Sewer Ordinance, Solid Waste Plan.

Motion: Approve long range calendar amendments.

AYES: Motion carries 7-0

**Adjourn: 9:03 p.m.**