

**Natural Resources Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**June 25, 2012**

**Commissioners:**

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

Absent: William Shapiro (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, AYES 7-0.
- 3. Approval of Minutes**  
Amend Prop. 218 Notice item vote (one abstain), motion to approve May 21, 2012 Minutes passed, AYES 7-0.
- 4. Commission and Staff Announcements:**  
Staff outlined timing and process for future phone-in access to NRC members unable to attend meetings. Update on Clean Technology Event discussing personalized transportation systems and PID control incentives (set goals to establish incentives).
- 5. Council Liaison Comments:**  
Outgoing Council Liaison expressed appreciation for opportunity to serve the City, work with the NRC, and stated he will continue to help support future City resource initiatives.
- 6. Public Communications:**  
None.

**Consent Calendar**

- 7. A. Long Range Calendar**
- B. NRC Roster and Priorities**

## Regular Calendar

### 8. **20% Demand Reduction Scenario Recommendation**

The NRC Water Management sub-committee and staff presented the final recommendations for achieving an additional 20% reduction in the City's per capita water use by 2020. The measures identified for implementation were: fixture retrofits for older accounts, leak reduction, irrigation management, and phased implementation of the Well Irrigation project. The recommended measures were selected primarily based on cost-effectiveness and water savings reliability over time. These four measures would be implemented through an adaptive management process. The NRC would annually review the City's per capita water use and provide recommendations to the City Council regarding the investment level in the four recommended measures to achieve the 20% savings goal in the most cost-effective manner. The NRC also discussed various issues that could influence future City water demands: growing conservation ethic, move to more water efficient landscaping, increased saturation of low flow fixtures in older accounts, higher water rates, use of advanced metering technology and practices, and conversion to monthly utility billing. The recommendation will be presented to the City Council for their consideration and direction. This work was also coordinated with the Water Advisory Committee process.

Motion: Approve recommendation to support 20% Demand Reduction recommendations.

AYES: Motion carries 7-0.

### 9. **Community Choice Energy (CCA) Program Recommendation**

The NRC Energy subcommittee presented the recommendation and a recap of the NRC's special CCA meeting indicating strong community support and interest in pursuing a CCA program. There was discussion about issues that could require more discussion including the City pursuing its own CCA program vs. a regional approach, and how the initial CCA program development work would be funded. There was also recognition that other activities the City is studying and/or pursuing related to meeting its sustainability goals could be factors in the policy development phase of this work.

Motion: Approve recommendation to support CCA Implementation Study.

AYES: Motion carries 7-0

**10. Outreach Plan for Bag Ordinance Policy Development Effort**

Staff presented the proposed additional outreach plan that would be coordinated between the NRC and Business and Economic Development Commissions. There was not a second on the motion for the original recommendation. The NRC moved a substitute motion to proceed with the ordinance development process as previously discussed. The NRC action was based on the premise that adequate outreach has been conducted to date.

Motion: Approve recommendation to proceed with Bag Ordinance development process without additional outreach efforts.

Initial motion failed by 6-1 vote, subsequently approved via substitute motion.

**11. NRC Subcommittee Reports**

Energy: Moving forward with CCA program recommendations, circle back on Alliance program update/efforts to date, and Net Zero Davis update forthcoming.

Water Management: Awaiting Integrated Resource Study document and Council direction on 20% demand reduction plan recommendations.

Zero Waste: Met with Davis Waste Removal to discuss topic of containerizing green waste, good chance a program could be designed and implemented for low cost or possibly on a cost neutral basis at start-up.

Wood Smoke: Waiting for YSAQMD annual update information.

**Adjourn: 9:20 p.m.**