

**Natural Resources Commission
Minutes
December 17, 2012**

Commissioners:

Present: Eugene Wilson (Vice Chair), Jill Baty, Alan Pryor, Steven Westhoff, and Ben Bourne.

Absent: Dean Newberry (Chair), Clifton McFarland, Planning Commission Liaison (vacant)

Staff: Jacques DeBra, NRC Liaison

Council Liaison: Joe Krovoza

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
Motion to approve, pull item 9 and hear item 10 first, passed, AYES 5-0.
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
Motion to approve November 26 Minutes passed, AYES 5-0.
- 4. Commission and Staff Announcements:**
Staff announcements: NRC commissioner Clifton McFarland intends to resign on Jan. 11, 2013. The City will pursue filling the vacant NRC positions through the normal recruitment process.
- 5. Council Liaison Comments:**
None.
- 6. Public Communications:**
None.

Consent Calendar

- 7. Motion to approve pulling item 7b. passed, AYES 5-0.**

Regular Calendar

8. **Receive Presentation Regarding Integrated Water Resource Study**

Staff and Paul Selsky with Brown and Caldwell presented information and findings from the draft Study. A few points were discussed including cost per acre foot for all City water supply sources, water quality impacts on potential water supply portfolios, consideration of energy costs in developing project cost information, and water management options that were not feasible for consideration in recommended portfolios. Final Draft Study will be available to the City mid-January 2013 and NRC will have an opportunity to review a draft Study in February 2013.

9. **Appoint New Chair, Vice Chair and Subcommittee Rosters**

Staff highlighted City commission handbook provisions indicate that annual rotation of commission officers is the preferred practice to provide all commission members with an opportunity to serve in the Chair and Vice Chair roles during their commission tenure. Final decisions regarding Subcommittee Rosters will occur once current NRC vacancies are filled.

Motion: Appoint Eugene Wilson as Chair and Ben Bourne as Vice Chair, passed, 5-0

10. **Wildhorse Mitigation Fee Allocation Item – From Consent Calendar**

After presentation by staff and the Water Management Subcommittee, the NRC agreed with the recommendation to allocate Wildhorse Mitigation Fees for City rebate programs, offering rebates not-to-exceed \$75 for toilet rebates unless higher amounts are required to induce customer participation to fully allocate funds in a timely manner.

Motion: Approve allocation of Wildhorse Mitigation Fee funds to City rebate programs with a \$75 cap on toilet rebates with the caveat that higher rebate amounts may be offered if required to induce customer participation in order to allocate all funds during FY12-13. Passed 4-1, with Pryor voting NAYE.

11. **Long Range Calendar**

Preliminary discussion was limited due to the timing uncertainty for various items that would be included on the NRC 2013 Long Range Calendar. This item will be placed on the January 2013 NRC meeting agenda for further discussion.

Adjourn: 8:30 p.m.