

MINUTES

CONVENING: The Board of Public Utilities Water Conservation Subcommittee met on April 6, 2021 at 11:04 a.m. via a Zoom Webinar, with Board members Watts and Grabill presiding. Board Member Walsh was absent.

PRESENT: Jennifer Burke, Peter Martin, Colin Close, Claire Nordlie, Heather Aviles, Thomas Hare and Roberta Atha

OTHERS PRESENT: Kimberly Zunino, Elise Howard, Gina Perez

ITEM NO. 2: PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE.

ITEM NO. 3: MINUTES APPROVAL

The minutes for March 9, 2021 were accepted and received.

ITEM NO. 4.1 2020 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Colin Close, Senior Water Resources Planner, provided an update on the preparation of the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan. The update included an overview of water service reliability through 2045, the Drought Risk Assessment for 2021-2025 and demand management measures.

ITEM NO. 4.2: WATER-USE EFFICIENCY AWARDS

Heather Aviles, Sustainability Representative, presented recommendations for the 2021 Water-Use Efficiency Awards for the subcommittee’s review and approval. Three recommendations were presented including one residential recipient and two groups/businesses that support water-use efficiency programs in the community. The awards will be presented at the May 18 City Council meeting in conjunction with the Proclamation of Water Awareness Month. Board Members Watts and Grabill supported the staff recommendation.

ITEM NO. 4.3: 2021 WATER AWARENESS MONTH

Heather Aviles, Sustainability Representative, provided an update on activities planned for Water Awareness Month which occurs in May. Events will include a Virtual Eco-Friendly Garden Tour and participation in the Earth Day drive-up event.

ITEM NO. 4.4 U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Thomas Hare, Sustainability Technician, provided an overview of a grant application to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation’s WaterSMART: Small Scale Water Efficiency Projects program. Staff will request City Council authorization to submit the grant at its April 13 meeting.

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

ATTEST:

Roberta Atha, Recording Secretary