



Public Works Commission

**Regular Meeting
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
Minutes
Thursday, May 1, 2014
1326 Allston Way, Ratcliff Building**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 PM

Present: Henry, Kelley, Neal, Schueler, Swift, Yep

Absent: Abramson (Excused)

Leave of absence:

Staff: Sean Rose (Acting PWC Secretary)

PUBLIC COMMENT: No members of the public were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 3, 2014 were approved without amendment. (MSC Swift/Neal, with a vote of 6-0-0)

CHAIR REPORT: None

STAFF REPORT: None.

PRESENTATION: Richard Harris, Director of Water Conservation at EBMUD, gave a presentation on water conservation measures EBMUD is taking in response to the drought. Mr. Harris also discussed some of the things EBMUD is working on with the City of Berkeley.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Review of the Updated 5-Year Paving Plan:** The Measure M and Paving Subcommittee (Yep, Swift, Henry) provided the Commission with a summary of the subcommittee meeting held with City staff on April 24, 2014 to review the City's proposed update to the 5-Year Paving Plan. Per the Commission's request, staff revised the 2016 plan to consider cul-de-sacs and other streets adjacent to streets being paved. The Commission passed the following motions:

“The PWC recommends approval to the City Council of the 2015 paving plan as proposed by staff, and the proposed 2016 Woolsey Street Green Infrastructure Project. The Measure M and Paving Subcommittee is empowered to update the recommendation to Council.” (MSC Kelly/Henry, 6-0-0)

“The PWC wants to review the 2016 paving plan as soon as possible to bring the 2016 plan to Council in November 2014.” (MSC Schueler/Neal, 6-0-0)

2. **Water Conservation Referral:** The PWC delegated the water conservation referral from City Council to the ad-hoc water conservation subcommittee comprised of Commissioners Swift, Schueler, and Kelley. The ad-hoc water conservation subcommittee will draft a response to Council for PWC review at the June 5, 2014 meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

The following information items were discussed:

1. Grant update – EPA Water Quality Improvement Fund (Rose)
2. Rainwater harvesting conference call (Swift)
3. Sidewalk Policy Update (Rose)

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS:

1. Sacramento Street median garden
2. Water harvesting

ADJOURNMENT: 10:05 pm