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## SANTA FE WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

CITY HALL - 200 LINCOLN AVE.

CITY COUNCILORS' CONFERENCE ROOM

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014

4:00 PM TO 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FEBRUARY 11, 2014 WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
6. CONSENT AGENDA
  - A. STATUS UPDATE ON WATER CONSERVATION EDUCATION & OUTREACH (Laurie Trevizo)
  - B. A SEASONAL REMINDER: REVIEW OF EMERGENCY STAGES AND TRIGGERS (Laurie Trevizo)

### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

7. DROUGHT, MONSOON AND WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT UPDATE (Rick Carpenter, 15 minutes)
8. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (Councilor Ives, 15 minutes)

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

9. DEBRIEF 2014 LAND & WATER SUMMIT (XERISCAPE CONFERENCE) (Melissa McDonald, 10 minutes)
10. REBATE ANALYSIS (Doug Pushard, 10 minutes)
11. GROUP REPORTS FROM WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE INITIATIVES: (Councilor Ives 60 minutes)
  - A. GROUP #1 - WATER CONSERVATION & DROUGHT MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE (12 minutes)
  - B. GROUP #2- WATER CONSERVATION EDUCATION/OUTREACH (12 minutes)
  - C. GROUP #3- WATER CONSERVATION CODES, ORDINANCES & REGULATIONS (12 minutes)
  - D. GROUP #4- REESTABLISH TREND OF NET ANNUAL REDUCTIONS IN PER CAPITA WATER USAGE AND IDENTIFYING LARGE WATER USERS (12 minutes)
  - E. GROUP #5- DOMESTIC WELLS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS (12 minutes)

### MATTERS FROM STAFF:

12. UPCOMING MEETINGS/ CONFERENCES (Laurie Trevizo, 5 minutes)

### MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE:

### NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2014:

CAPTIONS: MARCH 26, 2014 @3 pm      PACKET MATERIAL: MARCH 28, 2014 @3 pm

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CITY OF SANTA FE

# SANTA FE WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

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MINUTES – MARCH 11, 2014

  
Fran Lucero, Stenographer

3/11/2014

MINUTES: DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED

**SANTA FE WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
CITY HALL - 200 LINCOLN AVE.  
CITY COUNCILORS' CONFERENCE ROOM  
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014  
4:00 PM TO 6:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Water Conservation Committee was called to order at 4:00 pm in the City Councilor's conference room by the Chair, Councilor Ives. A quorum was declared by roll call.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present:

Councilor Peter Ives, Chair  
Melissa McDonald  
Nancy Avedisian  
Doug Pushard  
Tim Michael  
Giselle Piburn  
Stephen Wiman  
Karyn Schmitt  
Lisa Randall  
Bill Roth  
Grace Perez, telephonically

Others Present:

Laurie Trevizo, Water Conservation Manager  
Caryn Grosse, Water Conservation Specialist  
Bill Snyder and Andrew Eardman representing Rick Carpenter, Water Department  
Anna Serrano for Fran Lucero, Stenographer

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Ms. Randall moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Mr. Michael, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.*

**4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Move Item B. Seasonal Reminder Review of Emergency Stages and Triggers (Laurie Trevizo) to Discussion Items.

*Ms. Randall moved to approve the consent agenda as amended, second by Ms. McDonald, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.*

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FEBRUARY 11, 2014**

*Mr. Pushard moved to approve the minutes of February 11, 2014 as presented, second by Mr. Michael, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.*

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. STATUS UPDATE ON WATER CONSERVATION EDUCATION & OUTREACH  
(Laurie Trevizo)
- B. A SEASONAL REMINDER: REVIEW OF EMERGENCY STAGES AND TRIGGERS  
(Laurie Trevizo)

Ms. Trevizo explained that she was asked by the Chair to provide the emergency stages and triggers and in lieu of a presentation she included a one page reminder in the packet.

Mr. Pushard said the reason he asked for this to be approved was to know if it is going to be published or promoted externally.

Ms. Trevizo answered that it is being communicated internally through the Parks Department with the one page handout. Ms. Trevizo apologized for the quality of the one page Xerox copy of the handout and stated that the 2-page power point was in worse condition. Ms. Trevizo clarified that she was asked to put in what their code requirements are and what the triggers are and this was the simplest format.

Mr. Pushard said the 2<sup>nd</sup> question would be better asked after Rick's update. Is it given the current outlook, going into the 4th year of the drought, should we be thinking about evaluating this in any way and making changes in any way?

Ms. Trevizo stated that the code requirement requires every April 15<sup>th</sup> having a report in to the Water Division Director and in to the City Manager as to the status of sources of supply and at that point of time we would make that recommendation.

The Chair stated that given the charge of this committee, reviewing any of our policies on water conservation are always subject to evaluation and review beyond the required reporting. The answer is yes.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

7. **DROUGHT, MONSOON AND WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT UPDATE**  
(Rick Carpenter)

Ms. Trevizo welcomed and introduced the new staff members who are representing Mr. Carpenter.

Mr. Bill Snyder and Andrew Eardman

Mr. Snyder holds a Masters Degree in ground water hydrology and for the past 20 years has worked in water resources and in Environmental Restoration through private practice. Mr. Snyder started with the team in late December and interested in working with the Water Conservation Committee.

Mr. Eardman holds a Masters Degree from UNM in Community and Regional Planning and worked in the State Engineers office for the past 7 years doing water policy work there before coming over to the city of Santa Fe.

The Chair asked what type of Policy work was done at OSE.

Mr. Eardman responded that he worked directly for the Director of the Water Rights Division and worked on water rights administrative policy and specifically managed the Well Driller License program for the state and the aquifer storage and recovery permits for the state.

The Chair asked the gentlemen to walk the committee through the drought monsoon report.

Report:

Mr. Snyder had a discussion with the Bureau of Reclamation on this date; they have been doing a daily analysis trying to establish what the forecast might be regarding the San Juan Chama. At this point based on the snow pack levels we are looking at roughly 80% of allocations is the most likely target at this point.

Ms. Schmitt said that according to what Rick said last year which was at about 100% so it is better than what he recently spoke to. Of course the variables could change if we go in to hot and dry it could go down to 65%. The Chair said that in early December it was forecasted at about 65%.

Mr. Eardman stated that one advantage is the soil moisture content is higher at the watershed and what that essentially means is greater ability to convey water through the Rio Grande to reach our reservoirs so there won't be much loss which is promising.

[The Chair reviewed the map of boundaries.] Most of Colorado is greater than average -- in some places up to 125% of what is average. Unfortunately in the San Juan's is about 80 - 85.

Mr. Pushard commented that at Wolf Creek the drainage is to the Rio, Pagosa is to the Chama and that is where the continental divide and that is literally where the water drainage for both and is inside the Colorado border pipeline. They are at 80% at Wolf Creek which is on the eastside; Pagosa is probably between 60 and 75. The Rio Grande doesn't really help us, it is really the Colorado that does. Mr. Pushard plans to drive down and take pictures of the intake.

Mr. Michael said he is sure that the Bureau of Reclamation is seeing things in the El Niño forming, are they backing those in to these predictions.

Mr. Eardman said that they would not carry into the equation until next year as it takes time for that formation of the system to develop with the survey. That will work great with us as we need to refill the McClure reservoir and as everyone is aware we need to do some repairs. That will be critical next year for our portfolio.

Ms. Avedisian: If Colorado stays at 60-75% are we going to see an increase in our allocation?

Mr. Snyder: At this point yes, they are forecasting a short fall which would be the first time. It could be 80% of our full allotment, so at this point as noted earlier, it is still a forecast and certainly there are many factors that will play in to that. To answer your question, yes this could be our first shortfall.

Ms. Avedisian: If we have 50% of Santa Fe's water coming from the diversion project and they are working on McClure, what is going to happen with the water for Santa Fe?

Mr. Snyder: Let me rephrase that for the answer; next year is where our challenge will be in the sense that we will be trying to refill McClure starting this fall so it will be dependent on next year's snow fall to accomplish that goal. For this year we have sufficient water for McClure even with the short fall that is being projected. Our concern will be more for next year.

Mr. Wiman referred back to the chart. He stated that last year, he and Mr. Pushard had demonstrated doing the math that there are almost no way we will trigger orange and red stages. Just because of this water we have and the demand we have seen in recent years, he noticed that

that the recommended watering is not more than 3-days a week. Is there a plan within the city to making that more forceful than recommended in order to promote conservation?

Ms. Trevizo: The city passed a Resolution last summer to have stronger language regarding the 3-day per week watering. Ms. Trevizo is moving forward with this language that adheres to 2-3 days a week. That was the direction given to Ms. Trevizo last year and if this needs to change she needs to know quickly.

The Chair asked if the committee felt that the proposed wording in the Resolution is strong enough.

Ms. Trevizo said her recollection was that the committee decided to take recommended away and move forward with 3 days a week. This is what she understands; this is the wording used in the insert last year and this is the direction she is moving forward with. If it were to trigger in to orange or red, that would be a different circumstance.

Ms. Randall is pleased to see that the word recommended is being removed and supports making a powerful and important statement.

Ms. Trevizo noted that this is not an ordinance change so if someone wanted to water 5 days a week we could not give them a citation for that. This is the direction she was given 1 year ago and she is moving forward through the process to change the resolution.

Mr. Wiman: Would not use the word recommend.

Ms. Randall asked if the committee is moving in the direction of changing the ordinance for enforcement purposes.

Mr. Wiman said he would like to see how the Water Conservation Committee as a whole feels about that. But to not do anything.

Ms. Trevizo said they are doing something, they are putting out all promotional materials will say three days a week.

Ms. McDonald said that her perspective is that people do 3 days a week. Ms. McDonald said she doesn't know about people with large areas of turf, perhaps those people are watering. Re-enforcing that message would be effective.

Ms. Avedisian asked how do you measure and is there a limit that you can say, don't use water xxx number per day for the three days?

It was said that in part it doesn't always work to have that because there are people who feel they have to water more because they only have three days.

Ms. McDonald said that she does not think that happens.

Ms. Perez read from the website [santafe.gov](http://santafe.gov) water use restrictions right now says; watering is limited to 3 days a week, one of those days should be on the weekend. Is that part of what you are going to continue pushing?

Ms. Trevizo: Yes, you can choose your days but we are not going to set anyone's schedule because people have lives and I don't think we should interfere on that level. Choose your dates however you like to and just don't forget that make one day on the weekend, don't water Saturday and Sunday. Water once during the weekend and twice during the week sometimes, however you want to do it.



Chair: There is always a challenge between when you are doing messaging as to how much people will kick in. If the message was water only 3 times a week not between the hours of 10:00 am and 6:00 pm, and depending on the way in which you were watering, not more than will turn in to something that people will just turn down because all of a sudden is too complex. Some of it is getting across the 3 days a week is a difficult message. I know when we looked at this there was discussion on the length of the time frame involved, I can't remember what our messaging is effectively in that regard.

Ms. Trevizo: I think that it is just as it is stated and our watering season is May 1<sup>st</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup> and that is set by code and that is when that message will go out and after 6:00 pm is prohibited.

Chair: Do we do anything in terms of how long?

Ms. Trevizo: That is a landscape by landscape situation, if you tell someone with one yucca and all gravel to put 5,000 gallons on it; they will put 5,000 gallons on it vs. someone who has turf. I think that people have seasonal tier rates that go in to effect May 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>. Once they get their 1<sup>st</sup> bill when they have gone out on Mother's day weekend to water everything they are going to realize when they get that bill in June that was not exactly a good idea and perhaps I did use too much and they will cut back. That is the way our rate structure is set up and we are just giving them guidelines.

Mr. Michael: I am a little surprised that this discussion has led in to the subject of messaging; I thought this had been discussed and resolved.

Ms. Trevizo: I concur and it makes me nervous.

The Chair stated that it is only the reflection from the heightened discussion on what the snow pack brings to us and we want to make sure we do the right thing.

Thank you for the report.

## **8. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (Councilor Ives)**

(Information for review included in the packet) It lists several of the measures and what was passed and one with heightened attention is the Pueblo Lease of adjudicated water which is likely to cause concern between the AG users and municipal users. Having seen Senator Wirth speak about this nobody really knows what will be the outcome. The City Council will receive an update next evening from Mark Duran on the legislative session and he will address the two big capital outlay water projects that were brought forth during the legislative session; one was related to the upper Watershed and the second for approximately \$2 million dollars to expand our storage capacity by 2-4 million gallons did not move successfully through. Discussion will take place related to the Water Trust Board funding.

Mr. Pushard stated that we did not apply to the Water Trust Board (WTB) for funding because the funding of the extension projects at the reservoirs is an on-going project and the rules currently state that we can't apply for another project if we are already funded for a project. We cannot apply for funding through the WTB until the reservoir projects are done.

The Chair added that a wider interpretation of that is that the rules and terms put in place was that even though the funding for the project would be for a period of 3 years you couldn't submit in that third year for a time beyond even if you anticipated completing that project.

Mr. Pushard stated that the Department of Energy (DOE) has \$6.2 million that can be spent on watershed restoration projects. The hope is that we apply for this funding in the interim for the watershed.

The Chair will pass this on to Mr. Allan Hook.

Ms. Schmitt said that it would be good to publicize more that the water restrictions are for potable water in the grey water system, you can use that water.

Ms. Trevizo: The code says grey water is unlimited, not sure about rain water.

Ms. McDonald said she thought rain water was, but when the stage is red there is no water in the system.

Ms. Schmitt said that her understanding is that you can use rain water on an unlimited basis.

#### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

##### **9. DEBRIEF 2014 LAND & WATER SUMMIT (XERISCAPE CONFERENCE)**

(Melissa McDonald)

Ms McDonald stated that the summit was a huge success and complimented the Water Conservation Office. They were very engaged and this added to the success. The two people who stood out for water conservation was MaryAnn Dickinson, CEO of Alliance for Water Efficiency and Karen Guz from San Antonio and she was very interesting. Both are very interested in working with our staff. Ms. Guz talked about using coupons vs. rebates. They're water conservation rebates, what they could give a family are tied to the cost of water; what it costs the city is what they can use for rebates. They also have a website where people could look up; there is a lot of overlap as to what Santa Fe is doing.

There was someone from the Watershed Municipal group; they talked about rainwater, water harvesting and grey water. Staff from Land Use Department also attended which is encouraging that they are interested. (Handouts were provided to the committee members from the summit and mention of the Guest Speakers.) Message taken away from the summit is that you need to work with your constituents.

##### **10. REBATE ANALYSIS (Tim Michael)**

At the last Water Conservation Committee the Chair asked that comments be sent to Mr. Pushard or Mr. Michael; none were received. Mr. Michael asked if comments could be sent by e-mail due on Sunday evening. Ms. Schmitt said that the analysis was extremely well done.

Ms. Trevizo said that she will not be reviewing until all the comments are done in completion.

It was noted that the document was included in the last Water Conservation Committee packet. It was requested if the word copy is available. Ms. Trevizo said that she will send it out to the committee in PDF format. Mr. Michael said he will send a link to both.

##### **11. GROUP REPORTS FROM WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE INITIATIVES**

###### **A. GROUP #1 – WATER CONSERVATION & DROUGHT MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE**

Ms. Perez noted that the group has not met. Ms. Perez asked Ms. Trevizo to provide an update on the report. Ms. Trevizo stated that Chapter 1 and 2 have been reviewed, we still have 3 thru 5 to complete and the hopes are to get these done relatively soon. One of the things that have happened during the time that we haven't met is that the Office of the State Engineer put out a Water Conservation Planning Guide book. It is basically a template of how they would like to see things arranged. Ms. Trevizo is trying to marry

the two documents and also she is waiting on additional reports and data pieces that need to be incorporated.

Ms. Perez asked Ms. Trevizo to forward to the members of Group #1 the guidelines as mentioned above. Ms. Perez commented that her group is not getting back information that they have requested; she had requested that the other work groups develop their high priorities and to convey what they would like to see in water conservation and only one group has responded so far.

Ms. Randall asked if the template from the OSE is just a guide.

Ms. Trevizo said it is strictly a guideline and she has been working towards the formatting to create consistency.

## **B. GROUP #2- WATER CONSERVATION EDUCATION/OUTREACH**

Mr. Wiman informed the committee that a presentation had been made to the Santa Fe Association of Realtors. There were 5-6 people in attendance including three committee members. One request was for an electronic brochure and publications that could be sent out to people coming in to the community or doing real estate transactions. I believe with some work we can create an electronic document that could be e-mailed. Mr. Pushard also reminded the realtors of their obligation to provide water conservation materials and they seemed totally surprised by that. Overall it was a disappointing turnout, don't know exactly the reason. Mr. Pushard and Mr. Wiman stand ready and others have expressed an interest in giving this presentation. One of the things we talked about before is having the city promote these events through advertising. If word doesn't get out we won't know the level of interest. A presentation was not given to the candidates and the committee welcomes the opportunity to give the presentation to newly elected officials. Mr. Wiman stated that another recent experience for the Water Conservation Education/Outreach Committee; they put together a letter that they sent out to all 14 candidates by e-mail (addresses accessed through the City Clerk's office). Personally as a citizen I sent a note expressing my views and expressed that no one had replied. Mr. Wiman said he sent his corrections to the New Mexican and they were crystal clear and they did not make the changes. The article came out saying that no one had replied, that no one had requested the water conservation slide show which we were willing to send out. Mr. Wiman stated that he wrote a retraction and letters to the editor and they published as they knew they had made a mistake. Only 5 of the 14 candidates requested the power point presentation.

The Chair said that in conversation with Ms. Trevizo he was considering using the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in April to make the presentation to the City Council and to discuss the rebate analysis. This will be coordinated through the City Clerk's office to place this on the agenda.

Ms. Avedisian said that the PDFs are really great and she would like to have a way to educate the Title Company's on the water situation in Santa Fe.

Mr. Roth stated that the Homebuilders Association also welcomes electronic information to disseminate through their website.

The Chair asked what you think the Title Company's think are their obligations.

Mr. Pushard said that their obligations are to provide city provided literature on water conservation and water conservation ordinances. It is very specific; it is 3 lines in the ordinance itself. Landscapers and Architects also have this obligation.

Ms. Gross stated that the comprehensive water requirements are posted on [savewatersantafe.com](http://savewatersantafe.com) and there is a link through the City website as well.

Mr. Pushard asked of the Water Conservation office if they had the copies of the Saving Water is Always in Season?

Ms. Trevizo said that she has an electronic copy and she will e-mail them to the committee members as requested.

Mr. Pushard asked if the brochures that talk about the rebate be put up on the website.

Ms. Trevizo said that they are on the website, she will reconfirm that they are available. Mr. Pushard said he is specifically asking that the tri fold color brochure be on the website and the realtors could print their own or e-mail.

Ms. Perez asked if there could be a button that just says brochures so they could be easier to access. Ms. Trevizo said she will consider this on the [santafe.gov](http://santafe.gov) and find the correct place for the brochures.

**C. GROUP #3- WATER CONSERVATION CODES, ORDINANCES & REGULATIONS**

Mr. Pushard reported that they met about 2 weeks ago regarding the water use rating system for new home builders, a rating that they would like to use very similar to the energy rating tool that they use today. This would focus on new homes. At the last meeting, Mr. Pushard reviewed all of the documents that are being used as the source documents and there was a list of about 5 or 6 of them. LEED being one, Green Built Code, Santa Fe's code – sort of source input on how we are going to do it. One of the big changes we made at the last meeting is that we are going to go with EPA Water Sense Program because they already do; not a rating but they have a checklist of items. We will start with inside, Ms. McDonald would like to be involved when we do the outside. We are not going to do exterior right now we are concentrating on interior. The committee is scheduled to have another meeting this week focusing on trying to build a rating tool for 2009 at a 100. That will be our base unit and everything should be lesser than that over time. Ms. McDonald and Ms. Schmitt are both interested in participating in the exterior.

Mayor Gonzales stopped in and expressed his support to the Water Conservation Committee. Chair Ives informed Mayor Gonzales that the WCC would like to present at the next City Council meeting.

**D. GROUP #4- REESTABLISH TREND OF NET ANNUAL REDUCTIONS IN PER CAPITA WATER USAGE AND IDENTIFYING LARGE WATER USERS**

Report included in the packet. Ms. McDonald, Mr. Michael and Mr. Roth will be meeting with the Parks Department. Ms. Schmitt will working on the metering and she asked for an update on the RFP.

Ms. Trevizo said that her spreadsheet was turned in timely, it goes back to Purchasing, they talk to the applicants and follow up is for Purchasing to contact the Water Conservation office.

Ms. Schmitt asked if the committee makes the decision.

Ms. Trevizo said that the committee needs to follow the Procurement Code and one person does not make the decision.

The Chair explained the process and ultimately it comes to the Mayor and City Council with a very detailed matrix before any final decisions are made.

Ms. Trevizo explained that right now the first go around, all written score sheets have been turned in based on the criteria written in the RFP, there are 5 committee members. It goes to Purchasing and they prepare the ranking sheet and continue with the interview process. The committee will have questions to ask them when they come in for interviews.

**E. GROUP #5 - DOMESTIC WELLS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS**

Mr. Wiman reported that they did not meet last month. It is still the desire to have a meeting with Marcos Martinez to see what the City's stance is on domestic wells within the city limits. Mr. Wiman said they have considered writing a letter to private well owners, if they can be located that is more inclusive and reminding them they are subject to the same ordinances as everyone else. It would be nice to say more in that letter. One of the things that has come up which would allow us to take one step further; are we willing to consider offering rebates to private well owners that they could only apply against their city utility bill. I know that a lot of these private well owners in the city have access to city water and probably are connected and use the wells to supplement it as they feel they aren't regulated. They are also very likely to be connected to the sewage system. There is room there for them to use the rebates. Mr. Wiman asked for guidance from the City and the Committee.

Mr. Michael stated that only a small portion already have access to rebates.

Ms. Trevizo said that they would need to have accounts. If they are on sewer they would have an account. If you have a City of Santa Fe water account you are eligible for rebates, not a sewer or refuse. Some of that language would need to change.

Mr. Wiman asked if as a committee, is this something they would like to recommend.

Mr. Roth said yes he would like to see that be more inclusive.

The Chair recommended that staff work with the legislative rep for the city to prepare and ordinance amendment.

Ms. Trevizo said there was a lot of confusion around what needs to happen. The recommendation from staff is for this group to meet again and come back to this committee with a clear idea of what they are proposing and have it included in the packet. It was explained that with any code change, ordinance change, resolution change; the backup needs to be provided. It is important to assure that the WCC are all on the same page and those things are clear before it is taken to the Legislative Liaison.

The Chair will follow up with a request for a meeting with Marcos Martinez as well as Staff Counsel for the OSE.

Ms. Schmitt noted that she has never seen paperwork for these wells. She has clients who have inquired about this; she would like to see what they get.

Mr. Eardman will send copies of the permit to Ms. Trevizo for the WCC.

The Chair asked Mr. Eardman if he could provide a memo to the committee regarding the process and how many people have gone through the process.

Mr. Wiman said if they are going to send a letter to well owners it would be interesting to know where these wells are and mention that they are subject to the same regulations; it would be interesting information to have.

Ms. Trevizo requested that the City of Santa Fe Water Conservation Office be vetted through the city.

#### **MATTERS FROM STAFF:**

##### **UPCOMING MEETINGS/ CONFERENCES (Laurie Trevizo)**

Rachel Wexler submitted her letter of resignation, she is going to work with the Department of Health.

Sustainable Santa Fe extended a formal invitation to attend their meeting which is next Tuesday, March 18, 2014 – 2:30 – 4:30 pm.

Town Hall Discussion on Water in April – (Ms. Trevizo said that the Agenda is not very clear).

Sustainable Water Conference in Denver, March 30, 2014 – April 2, 2014. Staff will not be in attendance.

#### **MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE:**

Mr. Pushard asked about the climate change that Ms. Borchert was working through the long range water supply plan.

Mr. Eardman said that they have accomplished tasks 1, 2 and 3. Essentially this is a contract that runs out September 30<sup>th</sup> coordinated with the Bureau of Reclamation. We are inputting at this point modifications and demand factors that are associated with extreme climates – hot and dry. Deliverable goal is September.

The Chair said that what the WCC is ultimately interested in are models and then try to figure out the groups for water conservation to help the city establish policy on these conservation measures and what we should prepare for. We want to look forward so we aren't caught short by any event if a circumstance arises.

Mr. Pushard said that the GPC report is due to the State sometime in March, when do we think you will have the 2013 report done.

Mr. Eardman said that an application for an extension has been done and it will be due April 15<sup>th</sup>. This is the deadline with the OSE.

Chair Ives asked this item be placed on the April agenda for an update.

M. Trevizo said they were waiting for numbers from another agency and they have been received. Staff will work on the compilation of this data which is needed to do the calculator. It is needed for the Water Conservation Plan and the Annual Report and there are presentations that need to be made to various committees as well.

Mr. Wiman asked of the Water Division staff; what about the total water usage figure for 2013 vs. 2012? Have we reduced our overall consumption?

Ms. Trevizo responded that it went down, in the grand total we are talking water produced that doesn't mean water that we exported those kinds of things because the calculator --- from that calculation. In the back of the envelope, 100% produced, yes there was a reduction.

Ms. Schmitt said those numbers would change due to the annexation.

Ms. Trevizo stated that we gave up customers, we may have gained residents but we didn't gain connections.

We don't know how it will play out, that is another piece of the calculator that we will need to figure out. Ideally we will still be required to use American Community Survey – we will still use that methodology for the 3 year survey.

Ms. Grosse said that the daily, weekly and monthly production reports are on the website.

Ms. Trevizo said if you go to the daily, weekly, monthly production reports, go to December, 2013 it should tell you what the numbers were as it is accumulative.

Mr. Wiman said that these numbers are requested in the presentations they make and he looks forward to these calculations. Thank you to staff for the great work.

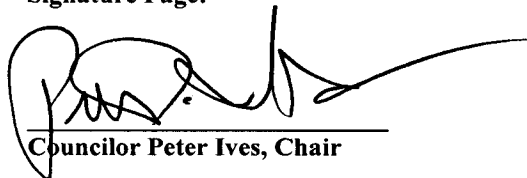
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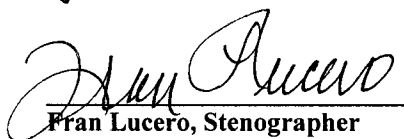
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**ADJOURN.**

There being no further business to come before the Water Conservation Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Signature Page:

  
Councilor Peter Ives, Chair

  
Fran Lucero, Stenographer