

**Natural Resources Commission
Minutes
February 23, 2009**

Commissioners:

Present: Herman Boschken, Charles Ehrlich, Doug Fetterly,
Jennifer Holman (Chair), Adrienne Kandel, Mark Lubell (Alternate),
Dean Newberry (Vice-Chair)

Absent: Brook Gale (excused), Kris Kordana (Planning Commission Liaison,
excused)

Staff: Sue Gedestad, Assistant Public Works Director
Linda Cano, Administrative Aid

Council Liaison: Stephen Souza (absent)

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
Agenda was approved by consensus.
- 3. Approval of Minutes of January 26, 2009**
Minutes of **January 26, 2009** were approved by consensus.
- 4. Commission and Staff Announcements**
Charles Ehrlich informed the Commission that he is changing employment and beginning in March he will be employed by ADM Associates, Inc., an energy consulting firm.
- 5. Council Liaison Comments**
Not present
- 6. Public Communications:** None

Consent Calendar

7. **A. Long Range Calendar**
 Action: Added Energy Efficient Street Lighting and WWTP & Water Updates to the April calendar. Commissioners would also like to see updates on Woodburning and Double Bike Lanes added to the calendar.
- B. Flyer: 5th United Nations Association Film Festival**
 Traveling Film Festival Davis “Blue Planet, Green Planet”
 Action: Accepted

Regular Calendar

8. **Utility Rates**
Sue Gedestad, Assistant Public Works Director, reviewed information on utility rate increases to be included in the upcoming Prop 218 notice. The overall process for utility rate increases was discussed. After a lengthy discussion, the Commissioners had several questions to be asked of the city:
1. Does the City have a calculation of avoided costs? This is done by placing a dollar amount on money not spent or *savings* due to conservation.
 2. Can the City develop a rebate program based on the above analysis?
 3. How can we motivate people to do smaller things, ie: low flow toilets, water saving appliances, reduced irrigation, reclamation, etc. to avoid large scale projects such as new wells being built to increase quantity of water. The Commission recognized that new wells being looked at currently are to replace underachieving wells.

Charles Ehrlich motioned and Mark Lubell seconded the motion that staff address the above questions and return to the Commission. Motioned passed with 6 ayes, Dean Newberry recused himself.

9. **Hazardous Waste Sites Report Review**
After review of current information and process, Commissioners agreed to have their site highlights forwarded to staff by March 13 for inclusion in a draft staff report for the March NRC meeting. The 2008/2009 Hazardous Waste Sites Report will go to the City Council after Commission approval.

Adjournment – 8:25 PM