

**City of Calistoga
WATER & WASTEWATER REVENUE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**



Members: Diane Barrett
Nicolas Kite
Paul Knoblich
Larry Kromann
Don Williams
Placido Garcia
Gary Kraus

**MEETING NOTES
Monday, October 5, 2009 – 5:00 P.M.
Calistoga Elementary School Library
1327 Berry Street, Calistoga
Meeting Agenda**

1 **The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.**

2 Members present included, Diane Barrett, Paul Knoblich, Don Williams, Placido
3 Garcia and Gary Kraus.

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5 Others Present: City Manager McCann, Administrative Services Director
6 Mushallo, Public Works Director Takasugi, Senior Civil Engineer Smith and
7 Consulting Advisor David Spilman.

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9 Members Absent: Committee Member Nicolas Kite and Larry Kromann.

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11 **Public comment**

12 There was no public comment.

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14 **Introduction and selection of Committee Chairperson**

15 Gary Kraus and Don Williams nominated Committee Member Knoblich.

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17 **Member Nicolas Kite joined the meeting at 5:15 p.m.**

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19 There was Committee consensus and vote to elect Committee Member Paul
20 Knoblich as Chairperson.

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22 **Ground Rules Discussion**

23 City Manager McCann gave an overview of the ground rules for the Committee.
24 There was discussion regarding public comment and involvement. The
25 Committee agreed how best to accommodate with the concept and that
26 comments will be welcomed following group discussion of each item. They
27 agreed that any votes will be made following public comment.

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30 **Overview of Committee Meetings, Binder Contents and Goals and**
31 **Objectives**

32 Administrative Services Director Mushallo discussed the number and duration of
33 meetings, binder contents and the Committee's goals & objectives.

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35 There was discussion noting support for gray water systems and other tools
36 available to encourage environmentally sustainable practices, that assumptions
37 should be questioned and costs evaluated, that best services should be provided
38 and that future projects and needs should also be examined.

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40 **Review of Rate Study Process**

41 City Manager McCann gave an overview of the rate study process.

42 Committee Member Kite noted that all sources of water and uses of water
43 (percent allocated and revenues derived) should be included in the review
44 process as well as operational costs, assumptions and alternatives.

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46 **Review of Proposition 218 Law, Court Decisions**

47 David Spilman, Consulting Advisor, gave an overview of Proposition 218, Utility
48 Rates and Government Cost Accounting.

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50 **Review of Water Resources and Systems**

51 Public Works Director Takasugi gave an overview of the City's water resources
52 and systems.

53 There was a consensus to schedule a water and wastewater facilities tour.

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55 **Adjournment**

56 The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. to the next scheduled regular meeting
57 of the Water and Wastewater Revenue Advisory Committee on October 15,
58 2009, Village Inn & Spa Conference Room, 1880 Lincoln Avenue, 5:00 p.m.

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