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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY COMMISSION
Held Wednesday, April 20, 2016 in the 6th Floor Boardroom, 625 Fisgard Street**

PRESENT: **Commissioners:** M. Lougher-Goodey (Chair), J. Thornburgh (for G. Orr), M. Hicks, C. Coleman, J. Rogers, L. Wergeland, M. Kirby (for E. Zhelka), S. Brice (for F. Haynes), Z. King, B. Isitt, G. Young, T. Morrison, R. Kasper, W. Sifert, L. Szpak, M. Alto (for J. Loveday), V. Sanders, J. Brownoff (for D. Murdock), G. Logan, V. Derman, B. Gramigna

Staff: T. Robbins, A. Constabel, H. Gibson, L. Hougham (Recorder)

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED by Commissioner Gramigna and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Coleman,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission approve the agenda.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2016

MOVED by Commissioner Gramigna and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Coleman,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission adopt the minutes of the meeting held
March 16, 2016.

CARRIED

3. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair remarked as follows:

- He thanked staff for their hard work over the past two months.

4. WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE – CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair was available for questions but did not have any comments.

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Report on the CRD Board Debate Regarding the Leech Water Supply Area Access and
Amendments to the GVWSA Protection Bylaw

T. Robbins reported that the motion brought forward to the CRD Board to adopt the
proposed amendments to the GVSWA Protection Bylaw was defeated by a tie vote.

CRD Board Decision

- That the Regional Water Supply Commission provide staff direction to bring forward
amendments to Bylaw No. 2804 in keeping with the previous Commission direction
that do not incorporate recreational access by permit in the Leech Water Supply Area
in the short term while the area is not in use for drinking water supply.

T. Robbins noted that the Sooke Lake Reservoir storage volume dropped below 100% of
full storage capacity on April 4th in comparison to last year's record on April 17th.

Print and social media advertisements for the water supply area public tours will go out this week. An online registration system will be used this year. A notice of invitation for the Watershed Elders & Youth Tour scheduled on May 9th was extended to Commissioners, the Water Advisory Committee and the CRD Board.

MOVED by Commissioner King and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Derman,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission direct staff to send out a formal invitation to Chiefs and Councils.

CARRIED

6. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

No one has registered to speak.

7. PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF WATER CONSERVATION BYLAW NO. 3061

T. Robbins spoke to the report. He noted that one of the biggest changes to the Bylaw is to prohibit the use of water in Once Through Cooling equipment commencing January 1, 2019.

He noted that the following two issues were also identified in the draft bylaw:

- District of Highlands was left out of the participants list.
- Under the Provincial Act, District of Highlands is not included as a serviceable area for Regional Water Supply.

MOVED by Commissioner Baird and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Szpak,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission direct staff to include the District of Highlands in the participants list.

CARRIED

MOVED by Commissioner Sifert and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Logan,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission direct staff to amend the District of Langford to read the City of Langford under the participants list.

CARRIED

MOVED by Commissioner King and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Derman,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission direct staff to include a seventh determinant under Determining Water Use Restriction Stages to encourage a culture of conservation among water users to build resilience in response to climate change.

CARRIED

MOVED by Commissioner King and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Derman,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission direct staff to amend 6 (3) under Notice, to read "The Notice under this section must be published on the internet, in a newspaper and broadcast from a radio station, and may also be broadcast from a television station or cable television channel – serving the Capital Regional District and posted on the CRD web site."

CARRIED

Concern for watering times in the Bylaw as they pertain to Public Authorities during Stage 1 Watering Restrictions were raised. T. Robbins reported that this section was updated in order to provide some clarification on the watering days for Public Authorities based on a number of concerns raised by the public. CRD staff underwent consultations

with public works departments in three municipalities. In all three cases, municipalities responded that the proposed changes were acceptable and would not have any major operational implications, but did note that it was important to maintain at least a 12 hour watering period.

MOVED by Commissioner Wergeland and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Kasper,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission direct staff to amend authorized watering times for Public Authorities under Stage 1 Watering Restrictions to take place from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

DEFEATED
17 OPPOSED

MOVED by Commissioner Derman and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Isitt,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission recommend to the CRD Board that Bylaw No. 4099 cited as “Capital Regional District Water Conservation Bylaw No. 1, 2016”, as amended, be introduced, read a first and second time, read a third time, and adopted.

CARRIED
2 OPPOSED

8. BULK WATER CONNECTION POLICY

T. Robbins spoke to the report. In order to provide guidance to municipalities in assisting with bulk connection requests, staff have made a recommendation within the report that the Regional Water Supply Commission approve the policy.

MOVED by Commissioner Derman and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Rogers,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission adopt the Bulk Water Connection Policy.

CARRIED

9. WATER WATCH

MOVED by Commissioner Rogers and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Young,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission receive the staff report for information.

CARRIED

10. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Logan and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Derman,
That the Regional Water Supply Commission meeting be adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

CARRIED

Chair

Secretary