



**TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Water Conservation Committee Special Meeting
Monday June 20, 2016
11 AM Town Hall Conference Room
765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA**

WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:06 AM by Judith

Roll Call:

Committee Members:

Present: Al Sill, Judith Murphy, Rebecca Flynn, Loverine Taylor, Brandi de Garneau, Whitney Lane,

Absent: Mia Giovanni, Delle Maxwell, Maryann Derwin

Other Attendees: none

Oral Communications:

Loverine – one of Loverine’s neighbors has installed a permeable concrete driveway – it looks great.

Rebecca – her new smart meter is not yet operational, but it is installed; Cal Water current month consumption data on the web site is not accurate, we should each check to see if we experience the same issue (Al checked and he sees the same problem)

Judy – construction in front of old schoolhouse is underway; the associated landscaping will be low water natives; and irrigation will be revived to the left of the schoolhouse so that area will look better

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the May 18 meeting were deferred to next meeting.

Old Business:

Update from Brandi:

Brandi will be meeting soon with Jeremy to discuss moving forward on recommending regulation updates.

AI provided an update on PV water conservation results for March, April, and May. The conservation results for all 3 months were better than the goal of 36%, with May being particularly good at 52%. Our cum savings rate since Jun'15 is 40.5% and the total gallons saved is 224 million. The charts are appended at the end of the minutes. We can't be certain as to the largest factors driving the results, but it is likely to be reduced landscape watering and a reduction in water lost to leaks.

Judy recommended a Chronicle article. The main point is that snow runoff this year was earlier than normal and has been less than expected. Here is a link: ["Snowmelt falls short - Water worries rise"](#)

We discussed possibly doing some sort of press release on PV conservation success. Brandi will discuss this with Jeremy

Endpoint meters – we should have access to the data from them by the end of June

Report Back on Town Picnic Outreach:

It was not that well attended (both the picnic overall and our Water Conservation table). The consensus is to continue to support these types of activities as long as we have the staffing.

New Business:

Updates from Subcommittees:

- Smart Irrigation (AI, Brandi, Loverine, Mia) – Class scheduled for Aug 27
- Graywater (Rebecca, Judy) – close to completing manual for posting on web site
- Rainwater Capture (Loverine) –
- Leaks (Brandi, Rebecca, Mia) – sent out PSA (maybe resend and combine with good conservation news, or maybe some sort of personal testimonials from Whitney and/or Loverine)
- Survey Tool/HEA (Brandi, Adrienne) – Brandi has asked for money in budget to work with Social Marketing firm to re-engage; budget should be approved soon
- Native Garden Tour (Judy, Delle, Marge, Danna) – meeting this week to decide on next steps (properties, logistics, dates, etc.)
- Welcome to PV (Whitney, CheyAnne) – will re-engage

Announcements:

None

Next Meeting – Date/Time and Topics:

July 18, 11:00am to 1:00pm

Planned Topics:

- Maryann and Brandi updates
- Subcommittee reports
- Discussion on smart irrigation workshop details

Adjournment: 12:00 pm

PV Water Conservation Results

