



**TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY**  
**Water Conservation Committee Special Meeting**  
**Monday July 18, 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 11:08AM.

**Roll Call:**

Committee Members:

Present: Al Sill, Rebecca Flynn, Loverine Taylor, Brandi de Garneau, Mia Giovanni, Delle Maxwell, Maryann Derwin, Whitney Lane

Absent: Judith Murphy,

Other Attendees:

**Oral Communications:**

Loverine – has anyone heard about John Deere Irrigation (changing to Site One)? Comcast trucks have our water logo on them.

Rebecca – her smart meter has still not been activated by Cal Water, and her bill has not yet been corrected

Mia – received mailer about Rain Machine smart sprinkler controller and also a gardening service tied into social media

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the May 18 meeting were approved as written. Minutes from the June 20 meeting were approved as written.

**Old Business:**

**Update from Brandi:**

Brandi received a letter from Cal Water on their plan for deploying smart meters. We should continue to gather testimonials on leaks.

For our next meeting – We should be prepared to discuss with Jeremy our thoughts on areas in need of modified, clarified, or new regulations (changes to landscaping rules, Graywater issues with San Mateo county, impervious surface guidelines, etc.). These

should be sent to Brandi in advance of the meeting. She will collate them and send the entire list back out to all committee members.

AI provided an update on PV water conservation results for June 2016. The conservation results continue to be quite good, with June's consumption coming in at 45% better than June 2013 vs. a goal of 36%. Our cum savings rate since tracking began in Jun'15 is 41.0% and the total gallons saved are 256 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 possibly also a reduction in water lost to leaks.

### **Subcommittee Updates:**

#### **Smart Irrigation (AI, Brandi, Loverine, Mia):**

- Smart Irrigation Controller Workshop – August 27<sup>th</sup>
- Plan to host a focus group with Maryann and John Richards on their experiences with smart irrigation controllers, have developed a list of questions as pre-work for the workshop, will be meeting again today

#### **Graywater (Rebecca, Judy):**

- PV Graywater manual update has been completed. Rebecca will send it around for review by committee members

#### **Rainwater Capture (Loverine):**

- Split into 2 levels
  - High tech – new construction, cisterns
  - Low tech – new book “Gardening with Less Water” on simple techniques: ollas, pipes next to plants, good simple diagrams
  - Starting to see good examples of low tech solutions in yards around town; could we incorporate into demonstration garden at town center?

#### **Leaks (Brandi, Rebecca, Mia):**

- PSAs on leak testimonials (3 under development), Rebecca also has a snow melt PSA ready to go

#### **Survey Tool / HEA (Brandi, Adrienne):**

- Lots of energy stuff going on in the coming months; working on an overall strategy

#### **Native Garden Tour (Judy, Delle, Marge, Danna):**

- First subcommittee meeting on June 23 (all members plus Brandi attended). Firmed up plans: Sunday April 2, 11:00 to 3:00 with reception at Redwood grove from 2:30 to 4:00. Will be called the PV Eco-Friendly Garden Tour. There will be a minimum of 6 gardens, up to 8 or 10, all will

be in PV, Brandi will set up waivers, no fee planned. Sonoma and Marin have done similar tours. Next meeting in October.

**Welcome to PV (Whitney, CheyAnne):**

- Exchanging emails with CheyAnne to understand direction
- How does this activity fit with PV Primer (mostly focused on history)? Also, how to align with Emergency Preparedness handout to new residents?

**New Business:**

**Cal Water's proposed changes to reduction requirement:**

Brandi passed out info on changing water reduction requirements. Cal Water is asking to reduce conservation requirement to 10% from the current target of 36%. This would go into effect on July 29. How do we keep residents focused on water conservation?

**Announcements:**

Concert on Thursday with 2 food trucks

There will be an update on the San Mateo County groundwater assessment to the PV Town Council on August 10. A more technical review of the topic will be held on Weds Sep 7 from 9:00AM to 11:00AM at the Foster City Library.

**Next Meeting – Date/Time and Topics:**

September 19, 11:00am to 1:00pm

No meeting in August

Planned Topics:

- Subcommittee reports
- Brainstorming on water conservation content for "Welcome to PV"
- Update from Maryann
- Discussion with Jeremy on possible modifications, clarifications, or additions to regulations

**Adjournment: 12:40pm**

## PV Water Conservation Results

