



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**  
Telephonic/Video Conference  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

**The Beverly Hills City Council / Public Works Commission Liaison Committee**

**SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**Tuesday, September 8, 2020**  
**3:00 PM**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date / Time: September 8, 2020/ 3:02 PM

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Vice Chair Wunderlich, Councilmember Gold M.D., Assistant City Manager Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Director of Public Works Shana Epstein, Assistant Director of Public Works/Utilities Gil Borboa, City Engineer Daren Grilley, Water Resources Manager Vince Damasse, Public Works Commission Chair Joshua Greer, Public Works Commission Vice Chair Charles Alpert, Executive Assistant Ilene Knebel.

Consultants from Hazen and Sawyer, Vice President and Operations Manager Cindy Miller and Senior Associate Tori Yokoyama.

**1) Public Comment**

Members of the public will be given the opportunity to directly address the Committee on any item listed on the agenda.

Speaker: Jerry Felsenthal spoke about the importance of the topic of emergency water storage, the issues with high risk fire zones and obtaining insurance, the significance of fire breaks around our borders, and stressed the necessity of the approval of the Cabrillo Reservoir Project.

**2) Integrated Water Resources Master Plan 2020 (IWRMP)**

Senior Associate Tori Yokoyama (Hazen and Sawyer) reviewed the recommendations from the previous liaison meeting. The discussion for this meeting centered on the details of the Cabrillo Reservoir Implementation, cost schedule and design criteria. Hazen VP and Operations Manager Cindy Miller explained the methodology for cost estimating for the project. Next steps, after City Council approval, would be to enter into a contract with an engineering firm for the design. The cost estimates will advance and become more accurate until final design is approved.

There was a discussion about the cost for an additional pump station. The pump station is required to provide operational flexibility to move water into other pressure zones.

It was suggested to move the pump station closer to Reservoir 3A, allowing for more space for the Cabrillo Reservoir Project. Staff suggested moving the pump station may cause other challenges with the hydraulics.

There is concern over the 4 day water storage when reservoirs are full, and the shortage of emergency storage available when reservoirs are at their low-level (about 25%). Stressed importance of more emergency storage. Perhaps can find a creative way to keep levels higher.

The recommendation is to accept the report and accept the modification to reprioritize Cabrillo either as the 3 or 4 million gallon reservoir project.

It is unlikely that both projects (4C and Cabrillo) could be done at the same time due to funding.

Both Commissioners in attendance stressed the importance of additional emergency water storage and moving forward with as many storage projects as possible.

City Council agrees that the projects should move forward and the reservoirs should be as large as possible and take the shortest amount of time to build. They also suggested thinking creatively and finding places to put large reservoirs.

The next step is to bring the IWRMP report to the whole City Council for approval as well as approve the reprioritization. Council Member Gold suggested individual meetings with other Council Members prior to full Council session.

### **3) ADJOURNMENT**

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