



Item 13: Consider First Reading of Ordinance No. 164,
Establishing Water Permit Requirements for Outdoor
Restaurant Seating at Restaurants

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Summary

- Recent revitalization efforts in the cities of Monterey and Pacific Grove have focused attention on al fresco dining
- Current administrative practice exempts outdoor seating from Water Permit requirements
- Board item at December 2014 meeting
 - Directed staff to work with Water Demand Committee and Technical Advisory Committee to draft policy

Summary

Water Demand Committee recommended Ordinance No. 164 after input from hospitality/business community

- Allows up to one-half the number of interior seats (“standard exterior seat allowance”) to be used for outdoor dining w/o Water Permit
- Existing and planned exterior restaurant seating (i.e., new seating approved by the Jurisdiction before September 1, 2015) will be “grandfathered” and exempted from the permit requirement
- Water Permit will be required for exterior seats in excess of the “standard exterior seat allowance” after September 1

Permitting Existing Restaurant Seating

- District will work with restaurant water account holders and property owners
- Hospitality industry, the local Chambers of Commerce, and the Jurisdictions will assist MPWMD with documentation effort
 - Email notifications
 - Business license records
 - Member contact information
- Documentation of existing exterior seating in use as of the effective date of the ordinance will be processed at no charge

Committee Review

- Water Demand reviewed on February 12
 - Recommend approval
- Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) reviewed on February 18
 - Recommend approval

Recommendation

- Receive public comment
- CEQA Initial Study to be circulated after first reading for 20-day comment period. Board will consider finding at 2nd reading.
- Consideration of adoption April 20, 2015